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## This Month...

READERS WILL SEE elsewhere in these pages that THE SILENT WORKER staff has undergone some changes, but, due to the hard work of staff members, old and new, we believe the magazine comes up to its usual standard. We only regret that enough material has been omitted from this number to fill another 32 pages.

We believe the shining lights of this number are the Church pages, compiled by Wes Lauritsen, and the Sports department. Mr. Lauritsen's work as Church editor really begins with this issue, as he was called upon to throw the page together last month with little time to prepare for it. His description of his reasons for accepting this important post indicate a helpful and reverent spirit. Thoughtful perusal of his remarks should encourage many of us.

In the Sports department, readers go with Robey Burns to Copenhagen and take in the International Games. With Mr. Burns' article were many fine photographs, some of which we have been forced to omit for want of space. Sports Editor Kruger's compilation of inter-scholastic football contests represents hours of preparation, and we believe this is the first time such a comprehensive rundown of school football has been published.

In the article on Dr. Percival Hall, THE SILENT WORKER pays tribute to one dear to the memories of all the deaf who have attended Gallaudet College. To no living man do the alumni of the College owe more than to Dr. Hall. Miss Peet, author of the article, is another just as close to the hearts of the alumni. Most of the living graduates of the College today are her former pupils.

Readers are urged to help with "The Open Forum," making its appearance for the first time on page 30. Send in your views on any subject you consider important to the deaf. All contributions will be considered, whether or not they represent the opinions of the editor of THE SILENT WORKER.

The picture on the cover this month came with the collection on the International Games and it struck us as so strikingly beautiful, we have given it space on the cover. It was taken during the impressive church service held in one of Copenhagen's celebrated Lutheran churches on Sunday, August 14, 1949, attended by some 2000 deaf and friends. The picture shows the chorus of several deaf worshippers from the Scandinavian countries.

# PERCIVAL HALL

## ... An Appreciation

By ELIZABETH PEET

PERCIVAL HALL was well fitted by birth, education and experience to be the successor of Edward Miner Gallaudet. His ancestors, who came from England in 1630, settled first in Massachusetts and later moved to Connecticut. It is said that one of them was given a grant of land in the new settlement of Hartford, and built a house on Asylum Hill, perhaps on the very site where the American School for the Deaf was located nearly two hundred years later.

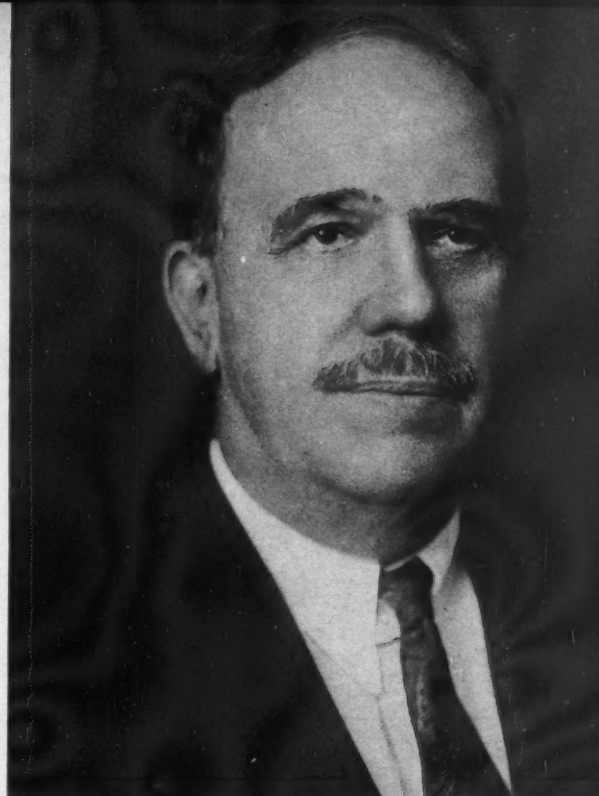
In 1863, Professor Asaph Hall, one of our great American astronomers, moved to Washington, D.C., to accept an appointment in the United States Naval Observatory, and it was in this city that his son, Percival, was born on September 16, 1872. The mother had been a teacher and she prepared all four of her sons for high school. After four years in school young Percival, then only 15, was sent to Columbian University, now The George Washington University, and the next year he entered Harvard, where he was graduated with high honors in 1892. His course had been chiefly in mathematics, for he expected to take up engineering, but during his last year in college he had as his room-mate Allan B. Fay, son of Dr. E. A. Fay, Vice-President of Gallaudet College, and through him he became interested in the deaf. In 1892-93 he received a fellowship in the recently established Normal Class of Gallaudet College and thus had the benefit of training under such men as Dr. Gallaudet and Dr. Fay. The language of signs has its own vernacular, and it is said that Percival Hall learned it more quickly and better than did any other Normal Fellow going through Gallaudet. He became one of the most fluent and expressive sign-

makers in the country and was frequently called upon to interpret for the deaf in public gatherings as well as in the college.

Upon completion of his normal course he taught for two years in the New York Institution for the Deaf, and then returned to Kendall Green as instructor in mathematics. He also acted as Dr. Gallaudet's secretary. This gave Mr. Hall, as he himself says, "a splendid opportunity to know Dr. Gallaudet and to learn more fully of his extraordinary ability, his high character and his strength of purpose."

At the same time that he was teaching Mr. Hall was also studying at Columbian University, from which he received the degree of Master of Arts. He was given the direction of the Normal Training Department at Gallaudet College and received deserved promotion in other ways until finally, upon the retirement of Dr. Gallaudet in 1910, and at Dr. Gallaudet's own suggestion, he was made President of the College, and a year later was appointed President of the Board of Directors.

In a paper of this length it is not possible to speak in detail of all President Hall's achievements. We, who have worked with him and know him best, realize how much he did to improve the college in its courses of study and in its physical equipment. His devotion to his work and to the college was unflinching. Not a detail of the administration escaped him. It was not unusual to see him walking around the campus early in



PERCIVAL HALL

the morning inspecting the grounds and buildings, and perhaps dropping in for an occasional cup of breakfast coffee with the teachers who "lived in." During his presidency several new buildings were erected, notably Sophia Fowler Hall, a beautiful dormitory for young women. Originally planned for 64 girls, it opened with 36, and now houses 96!

At various times he was secretary, vice-president, and president of the Convention of American Instructors of the Deaf and chairman of the Executive Committee of the Conference of Superintendents and Principals, and also president of the Conference. He has written widely on topics relating to the deaf, and even in his retirement his advice and opinion are still sought by the profession generally.

Dr. Hall has a remarkable memory. He has always read widely and has remembered what he has read, not only in general information and interest but also in matters dealing specifically with the education of the deaf. He is a firm disciple of the Combined System and is as much at home in the methods of oral teaching as in the manual.

His memory extends to persons as well. He knew every student in college and to this day can tell you where each of his former students is, what he is doing and whom every girl married, for he was never too busy to stop and talk with them, no matter where he met them.

From 1895-1930 when he was in active charge of the Normal Training Department he brought that division of the college to the high state of efficiency

*Gallaudet College, in its long history of nearly a century, has had only three presidents, Edward Miner Gallaudet, Percival Hall, and Leonard M. Elstad. So much has been written about Dr. Gallaudet that no paper such as this can add to his fame. Dr. Elstad is in the process of forming new policies which will pave the way for expansion of the college in the number of students and of buildings and in the elevation of academic standing. He has recently been instrumental in securing from Congress the passage of a bill providing for a long desired retirement fund for the employees of the Columbia Institution for the Deaf—which includes both Gallaudet College and The Kendall School. History of any kind is best judged through perspective. We who know Dr. Elstad are confident that his work will stand the test of time. But, what of Dr. Hall? Now that he has retired and is President-Emeritus of Gallaudet College, it is possible to review his achievements and to appraise them fairly.*

that it still maintains. He made many warm friends among the Normal students and fellows, and on account of his wide personal acquaintances among both the hearing and the deaf, as well as his familiarity with all phases of the education of the deaf, he was frequently consulted when a change of administration resulted in the appointment of a new head of a school, or when a new teacher was desired.

One of the outstanding friends that Percival Hall made during his connection with Gallaudet College, was Charles R. Ely. A member of the first Normal Class, 1891-92, young Ely was already on the Faculty when Percival Hall entered the Normal Class in the Fall of 1892, and until the untimely death of Dr. Ely in 1939, the two men were devoted friends, first as simple fellow members of the Faculty, and later as President and Vice-President of the same body. Allusion has already been made to Dr. Gallaudet and Dr. Fay. We who knew these two men remember the close friendship that existed between them, one President and the other Vice-President of the College. Dr. Gallaudet once said he never made an important decision without consulting Dr. Fay, and on the many occasions when Dr. Gallaudet had to be out of town and even abroad, he always left Dr. Fay in charge. The friendship between Dr. Hall and Dr. Ely was similar.

Dr. Hall has always been musical and has a good voice for singing. In his younger days he and the other young men on the Faculty and the Normal Fellows would gather on the Chapel steps and sing College songs and other popular music of the day. After he became President the members of the Faculty frequently met in his home of a Sunday evening to sing hymns and other songs. Mention has already been made of his writings concerning the deaf, but perhaps it is not generally known that he has composed considerable poetry, a volume of which has been privately published. He has also written, for private distribution, an interesting life of his father, Professor Asaph Hall.

While in New York, in 1895, he married a fellow teacher in the New York School, Miss Carolyn Clarke. She lived less than one year.

In 1900 he was married to one of his own students, Miss Ethel Taylor, of Colorado. They have had three children, two sons, Percival Jr. and Jonathan, both of whom are on the Faculty of Gallaudet College, and a daughter, Marion, now Mrs. Howard Fisher of Winnetka, Illinois.

Dr. Hall has been recognized as one of the leading public-spirited citizens of Washington. President of the College through two world wars and a nation-

wide depression, he carried on in the face of great difficulties, working steadily to improve the College and to further public interests in any way possible. During World War One, he was Chairman of the Local Draft Board number 11 of the District of Columbia. Later he was chairman of the building committee of All Souls' Unitarian Church and was re-elected chairman of its Board of Trustees. For several years he was president of the Board of Children's Guardians, now known as the Board of Public Welfare. He has been treasurer and president of the Harvard Club of Washington, and president of the Federal Schoolmen's Club of Washington, and is a member of the exclusive Cosmos Club, as well as of the Rotary Club and the Palaver Club. The George Washington University has honored him with the degrees of Doctor of Literature and Doctor of Letters.

Upon his retirement in 1946, the Board of Directors appointed Dr. Hall President-Emeritus, and gave him and Mrs. Hall the use of a house on the campus, where they still reside, surrounded by their children and grand-children, and interested in their garden and books and all that pertains to the college.

Though eminent for his work as an educator, for which the deaf, particularly, owe him a debt of gratitude, it is especially the man that we admire in Percival Hall. Modest and retiring almost to a fault, sympathetic toward the weak, with endless patience and gentleness, yet high of ideal, steadfast of purpose, thoughtful of demeanor, and withal endowed with a keen sense of humor, he happily combines the fine qualities of the "gentleman and scholar."

Gallaudet College and the community are stronger and better for his presence through the years.

## A CUP TO DR. HALL

*Let's roll the flaming years aside  
In honor to a man,  
Yea, back to years as triumphant  
As when he led our clan;  
Let us go back to the vanished years  
When reigned he o'er the Green:  
He was a hero in his day,  
Our guide with wisdom keen;  
His counsel meet, in us his trust  
To win what'er befall—  
Such proven friend!—Ah, here we wish  
A cup for Dr. Hall!*

*Beyond the Green his name is known,  
True champion of our cause;  
In councils o'er the land he clung  
Steadfast unto tried laws;  
Throughout the clime his fame is felt  
And linked to Edward M.,  
He was a bulwark in his day:  
Our shining diadem;  
He stood four square to all the winds,  
He thrashed the troubled years,  
He doomed offensive walls that loomed  
Portentious to our spheres.*

*Now snows of winter crown his head,  
And as he rests apart,  
The work of his eternal love  
Still lingers in his heart—  
Here on the Green he always loved,  
He quietly lives and views  
In panorama of the mind  
Each scene as it ensues  
Adown the vista of past years  
When he was at our call—  
For service, love, his all—we give  
A cup to Dr. Hall!*

—Stephen W. Koziar



Elizabeth Peet, Ped. D., is now completing her 50th year on the faculty of Gallaudet College. Dr. Peet is the only member of the faculty to have served under all three of its presidents.

*Dale Paden of Omaha*

## HEEDING AN OPPORTUNITY

**Builds a \$75,000 Business from  
the Proverbial Shoestring**

*With a second-hand compressor for a starter, Paden and his wife are now proprietors of one of Omaha's largest body and fender shops.*

By ROBERT E. DOBSON

**R**IGHT IN THE heart of Benson, a suburb of Omaha, stands a good-sized and attractive-looking brick and cement-block building, occupying a ground space 65 ft. by 145 ft. And on the neon-lighted "shingle" that twinkles day and night above the electrically-operated overhead door is emblazoned in large letters "PADEN BODY & PAINT SHOP." Walk right in, unless you are a peddler, and ask any one of the deaf workmen you see for "Mr. Paden," and presto, one of them will drop whatever he is doing, wipe the sweat from his face, and advance toward you with a pleasant smile. And there you are, face to face with Mr. Paden, in person, no less. Very rarely is he found in "white collar" garb. Nor with "feet up" in the office up front, either.

Dale Paden, together with his wife, also deaf, are the sole owners of this bustling body and fender business, and also of the modern new building in which it is located. This building was designed and built according to their own ideas and specifications, in 1944, and it is one of the largest exclusively body and fender shop buildings in Omaha. Their business grosses around \$75,000 yearly, more or less. They also own their home, just a few blocks away. Envy you them? Well, they didn't come by all these just sitting down. No siree! They got there via the good old hard way. And hats off to them!

Ten years ago, the Padens had nothing, absolutely. Dale, then, was just a hard-working body and fender employee in a local garage, earning less than \$30 weekly—and getting nowhere fast. True, he was fast and efficient, and even knew more "tricks" about straightening fenders, etc., than his boss did. Consequently, the boss left him pretty much on his own with the work—and glad of



The Padens at the House-Warming of their new shop, 1946.

it. But, with a wife and four small children to feed, clothe, etc., the \$30 wages weekly just evaporated with monotonous regularity, leaving him perpetually owing money to the grocer (two or three of them), the butcher, and the gas-station operator. And there also almost always was some back rent to pay up—or else.

There was good money, Dale knew, in that line of business—for his boss. Why not be the "boss" himself, he often mused, with a shop of his own—together with the "profits," too. So Dale began to dream of blossoming out with a shop of his own, some day. But, always, that "some day" seemed hopelessly far off. For a hunk of money you just gotta have firstest to get started. And money he just no got. Dreams, however, were free, so he kept on dreaming, day and night. They were more pleasant than worries.

Then, one day, it happened; It was payday in the shop, and Dale learned, via the grapevine, that his boss was expecting delivery of a new and larger air-compressor outfit, to replace the one then in use, and that the latter, still a perfectly good one, was up for sale, for \$50. Dirt cheap! Now, to equip a new body shop, the first and most important machine to install is an air-compressor outfit. What a golden opportunity for him, Dale thought. But, but—"Oh, heck with the buts, it's now or never," Dale decided, and, forthwith suiting action to his conviction, he star-

tled his boss by offering to buy the machine. The boss eyed him warily then stated he was sorry, that the price was—er \$80, and cash. It was nearly lunch time, and at the end of the half-hour Dale was back and plunked the \$80 into the boss' hands. (\$30 from his paycheck and the remaining \$50 borrowed from a banker, believe it or not!) The machine was now his'n. Elated though Dale was, how he dreaded going home penniless to his waiting family, and the bare cupboard.

About a week later (in the late fall of 1939) Dale's great, long-dreamed-of day arrived; he opened His Shop for business, located a scant half-block from the garage where he had been employed, much to his ex-boss' consternation and skepticism! Just four persons entered his shop the first day, just to look around and wish him luck. No business, whatever. Dale still remembers the first six weeks' business. It stunk! More than once Dale was sorely tempted to throw in the towel, swallow hart, and ask (on bended knees) his old boss for his job back. Doggedly he held on somehow.

Competition, in those days especially, was keen and cut-throaty. Dale did his durndest best on what few bent fenders came his way, and his customers drove away pleased. They told their friends; and slowly the business began to pick up. It was enough, ere long, to necessitate hiring a helper (Earl Peterson). Then another. And yet another . . .

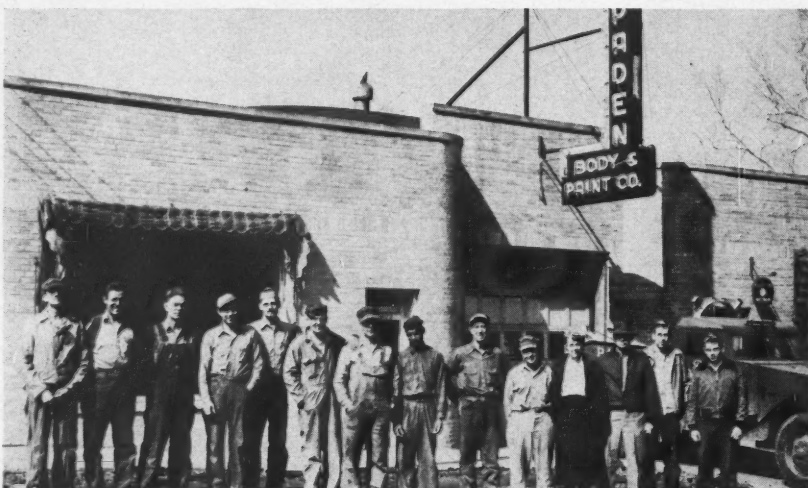
By 1942, Dale began to realize that soon his tiny 2 by 4 shop would be in-

adequate to accommodate the ever-growing business. Since there was no vacant building available around in Benson, either to rent or buy, he bought a three-lot plot two blocks away, but nearer yet to the business center, and had a new building erected thereon. And moved in. His new shop is modernly equipped (about \$6000 worth) with a separate paint room, and all. More new men were hired until there were 16 on the payroll at one time, and all deaf, too, though about ten are regularly employed the year round. His men receive the top-prevailing pay. Mrs. Paden keeps the books, computes and make out paychecks, etc.

Yep, it was that "easy." Dale was asked once, recently, if under the same conditions, would he go through all that again, and his quick answer was an emphatic "No!"

Dale and his wife are popular among the deaf population. Both always find time to take part in all the doin's locally. Dale's prime hobby, however, is hunting and fishing, in season. They have a leased cabin in the wilds along the Platte River, 20 miles away, easily accessible and frequently used by the whole family and their friends as well.

Note: Dale aspired to be a linotyper once, typed some on the old *S-W*, under Porter, in N. J. The depression years squelched that ambition.



Upper photo, above: Dale Paden and his crew while they operated at the old shop. Here Paden moved in with his air compressor and set up in business for himself. Left to right: Paden, Peterson, Gruzinski, Rewolinski, unidentified, Dey, Fialla, and Barber.

Lower photo: Paden and crew at the new shop in 1948. L. to r.: Gruzinski, Dey, Barber, Fialla, Peterson, Miller, Nelson, Bryant, Bantam, Randolph, Mrs. Paden, Paden, Bernard Paden, and Paul Paden.

At left: Two views of the same car, before and after going through the process of repair at the Paden shop. The place is always full of cars of all descriptions, affording Paden a successful business and steady employment for his deaf workmen.

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## CERTIFICATION OF DEAF TEACHERS

By RICHARD G. BRILL, Editor

A RADICAL CHANGE in the certification of deaf teachers by The Conference of Executives was voted by the Conference at its regular meeting held in Jacksonville, Illinois, in June during the regular meeting of The Convention of



RICHARD G. BRILL

American Instructors of the Deaf. This change, which will greatly benefit the deaf teacher, was largely brought about through the interest and efforts of Dr. Ignatius

Bjorlee, Chairman of the Certification Committee of the Conference. The Conference adopted the following change in the Certification rules, proposed by Dr. Bjorlee:

Graduates of Gallaudet College will not be required to take a year of special training, but may make application for a Class A Temporary Certificate that shall automatically secure for them a Class A rating upon having completed five years of satisfactory teaching of the deaf.

Until now the deaf graduate of Gallaudet College has been eligible only for the Class B Certificate.

The Conference of Executives officially adopted its certification program in 1931, after the passage of the following resolution by The Convention of American Instructors of the Deaf:

Whereas the certification of teachers is an influence toward the uplift of the entire profession, and

Whereas the Conference of Executives of American Schools for the Deaf is recognized as the official organization which should approve such certification, therefore be it

*Resolved*, That we express sincere hope that speedy action may be taken by the Conference toward arranging for such certification.

Under the original program Class A, B, and C certificates were granted. The standard requirement of a one year course of normal training in the education of the deaf in an accredited training center was required for all certificates. In the case of teachers of industrial and special subjects, trade or professional experience, or its equivalent in approved extension courses, could be substituted. In addition, for all three grades of certificate, three years

of successful teaching under expert supervision, or ten years of teaching were required. However, a temporary certificate was granted immediately upon completion of training, to be in effect until the time requirement was met.

The three grades of certificate differed in terms of the amount of educational background the candidate had before taking his training to teach the deaf. The teachers who had graduated from an accredited four year college with a degree, including five semester hours of Education, was granted a Class A certificate. The teachers who had completed at least two years in an accredited college, including four semester hours of Education, were granted a Class B certificate. The Class C certificate was granted to the graduates of an accredited high school, who took two and one-half semester hours of Education.

When this program was put into effect the Gallaudet graduate who became a teacher was granted a Class B certificate. This was because there was no standardized normal course that a deaf person could take. It was reasoned that as Gallaudet College was not accredited by any agency, the completion of the junior year was at least the equivalent of completion of two years of hearing college. The senior year at Gallaudet would then be substituted for one year of normal training, as it could be assumed that the deaf undergraduate was well acquainted with the deaf and their problems.

In like manner completion of the Sophomore year at Gallaudet College could be substituted for a four-year regular high school course and one year of Normal Training to teach the deaf, and a Class C certificate was granted.

Now with the action taken by the Conference at its last meeting the deaf teacher who is a Gallaudet graduate will be granted the same certificate that is granted to hearing teachers who are college graduates and who are also graduates of approved training centers.

The Conference also changed its rules so that hearing teachers who attend a college that includes an approved training program as part of its undergraduate work can now receive a Class A certificate. This change in the regulations for hearing teachers, made it logical for a similar change in the regulations for deaf teachers.

Dr. Irving S. Fusfeld, who has served as Secretary of the Certification Com-

mittee of the Conference since the certification program began in 1931, found it necessary to submit his resignation due to the press of his other activities. Professor Richard G. Brill, College of Education, University of Illinois, Urbana, was selected as his successor.

### *Schools and the Peddling Evil*

How can our schools lessen, if not wholly do away with, this trend to peddling and begging which has become so noticeable in the last decade? Twenty years ago, it was rare to see a deaf peddler, and rarer still to see one of them begging and accepting "gratuities" from the public. Now cunning mob leaders find it easy to recruit beggars traveling around the country in motorcades, who prey on the sympathy of the public, and descend like locusts on towns and cities.

One way our schools could help might be in trying to instill in our pupils, beginning at an early age, a greater degree of independence and a dislike for pity, a greater pride in good work done and a loathing for idleness and incompetence, a greater desire to be respected members of the community and a hatred for peddling and begging in any form, as a shameful and degrading occupation. We cannot hope to teach our children from books alone. Perhaps we could place greater emphasis on extra-curricular activities. Perhaps we could restore in some measure the old-time chapel assembly, where talks on morals and ethics could be given to a greater extent. Many deaf men and women who finished school twenty or so years ago have testified that the old-time chapel talks were extremely important in forming their concept of life and its responsibilities. When these extra-curricular talks are left to busy teachers in their classrooms, there may not be time for them, and if given there, the effect on pupils is far less than it would be in a chapel assembly.

Idleness, incompetence, and downright good-for-nothingness, of course, may be found to some extent in any class of people, and we must also expect to find it to some extent among the deaf, for they are only human. But with the rapid growth during the past few years of these peddling and begging gangs, we should pause and take notice, and do our best to lessen the evil.—Remarks by Dr. A. L. Roberts, President of the National Fraternal Society of the Deaf, at the Jacksonville Convention.

# Those Firestone Folks

*A Worker Picture-Story*

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FIRESTONE NEWS BUREAU, *Photos*

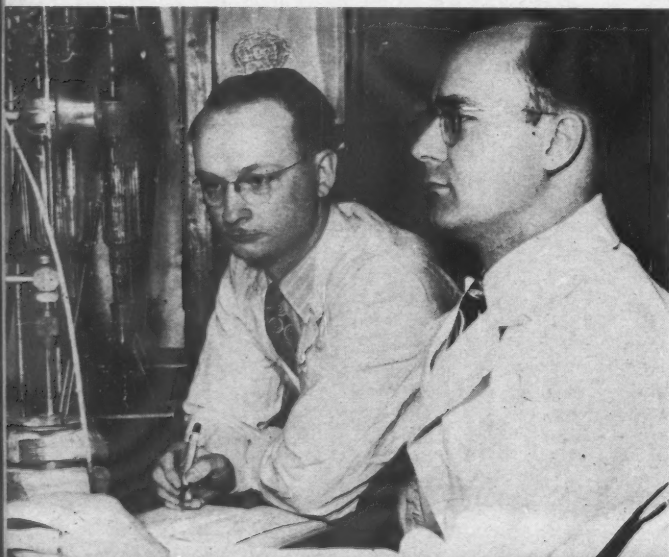
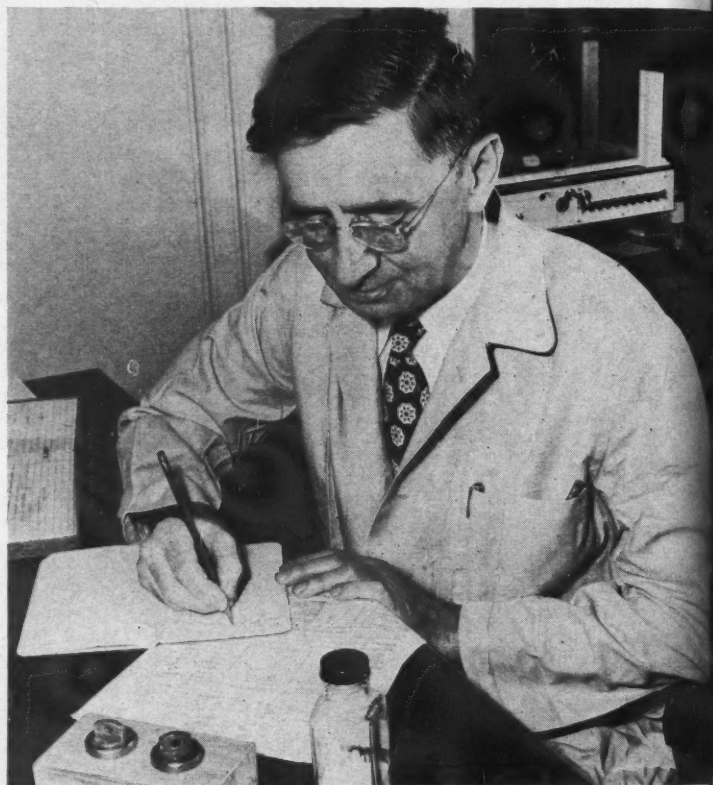
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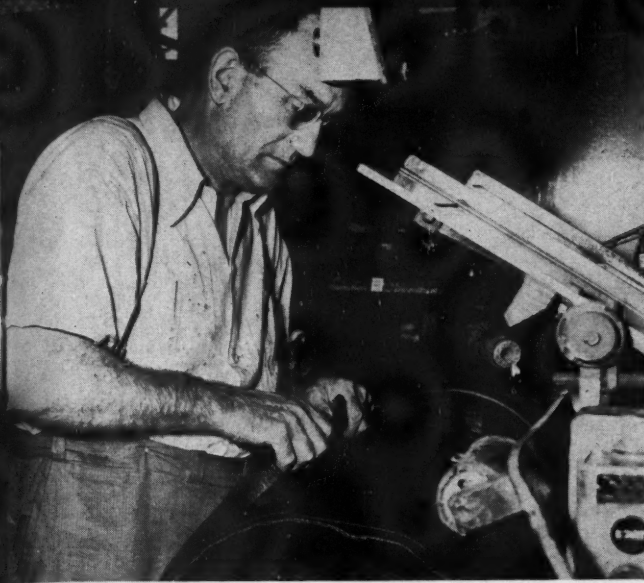


Thirty-eight years ago, the Firestone Tire and Rubber Company of Akron acquired its first deaf employee. The experiment succeeded, and eight years later Ben M. Schowe, above, was appointed to recruit deaf labor. He serves the company today as a labor economics research specialist, on call for the counseling of deaf personnel.

Segregation is not practiced; assignments are correlated with qualifications. Thomas W. Osborne, right, has been a Firestone research chemist for 30 years, and now heads a section of the analytical division of the research laboratory. Two young general laboratory chemists are pictured at the left, below. Robert Lankenau is a graduate of Gallaudet College; Kenneth Kress, foreground, graduated from Ohio State and has studied chemistry at Akron University and Western Reserve. Pictured at the lower right is Sam Bentley, one of the many deaf workers assigned to Firestone's printing department.

More than a normal amount of written instruction is required during the training period, but Firestone feels the extra effort brings great dividends in loyalty and dependability.





The Firestone force includes a high percentage of veteran workers. This indicates not only the capability of the deaf, but the excellence of labor-management relations in the various plants.

At the top of the page are Ralph Dann, a tire builder with 35 years to his credit, and Mrs. Katherine Lenz, who has served the company for 20 years, splicing tire plies. Below them are pictured George Crichton, operating a huge punch press in the steel products division, and Frank Bauer, a skilled armature winder in the mechanical division. Bauer has a 15-year record. At bottom right are William Johnson (left) and Joseph Rygelski, skilled furniture refinishers.

Firestone's deaf men and women have done much to advance the cause of full employment for the deaf, through their individual competence. The Firestone Story stands as a solid testimonial of the worth of a liberal employment policy.





Left to right: Ernest Burch, August Querengasser, Howard Overhiser.

### Silent Indianans In Employment Record

The three men pictured here have compiled a record unique in Indianapolis manufacturing circles. All three, although deaf from early youth, hold responsible positions on different production lines in the shop where they are employed.

Howard Overhiser has been in the hack saw department since its inception and has given a total of 50 years' service to the Atkins Saw Company. August Querengasser is employed in the small tool department and has been on the payroll 35 years. Ernest Burch has a record of 30 years' faithful service, most of which he has spent in the hand machine filing department.

Many deaf employes have hung up records of long-time employment, but it is not often that three of them come together.

Mr. Querengasser, one of the three men pictured, figured in another unique activity at the N.A.D. convention in Cleveland last summer, when he turned up as winner of the automobile.



## ken's korner

by MARCUS L. KENNER

*"Old hates and fears, Old scorns  
And doubts,—they're dead!  
The New Year is calling:  
NEW ROADS AHEAD!"*

During the first few days of the New Year, many of us may achieve something; then we sit down, satisfied with a good start. Said Josh Billings: "When a man gets perfectly contented, he and a clam are first cousins." Every new day is, and ought to be, just as important as New Year's Day.

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Perhaps some of our elders—wise in the ways of deafdom—ought to devote less precious time and effort in arranging and managing those various competitive sport tournaments. This is a field that should be pre-empted by our youths, and rightly so.

And perhaps, THE SILENT WORKER had better devote additional space to subjects—economic, industrial, and educational—more closely affecting our lives. That is the way it strikes me. What do *you* think?

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This is a little dissertation on "hearing aids." Please don't get me wrong. It's not intended as a plug for any hearing-aid manufacturer. I represent and recommend none, though, frankly, I'd like to accord preference to THE SILENT WORKER advertisers. I merely assert that if your eyesight is poor, you should be using eyeglasses; ditto with hearing. Should you possess *at least 25%* residual hearing (as this writer) you might possibly want to experiment with an aid, ere this sense becomes atrophied. I purchased one a few years ago. No, not for ornamental purposes and, let me hasten to add, I haven't yet been "restored to society"; but, I've found it to be sort of a crutch in conjunction with lip-reading—enjoying music, and, yes, hearing my own voice, engendering increased confidence in speech. Before you decide to purchase one, be sure to consult an otologist or your local Rehabilitation Bureau. Remember, its function is limited to amplifying sound only for those who still have a remnant of usable hearing. You wouldn't think

of fitting spectacles to the blind, would you? To re-educate the ear is a tedious process but rewarding if one can make the grade. A word of caution: don't let a glib salesman bamboozle you (or parents of deaf children) by high pressure tactics. He may, repeatedly, be asking you: "Can you hear me now?" You might be hearing empty sound — nothing more. Sure, some may be loud enough, but, if unable to *understand* or *distinguish* words — sorry, brudder — it's not for you; just forget it!

"What sort of hearing aid do you use?" I once inquired of the famed wizard, Thomas A. Edison. His reply was, "Why, I use the 'natural method,' cupping my ear." But, I have recently come across a different version: Ernest Elmo Calkins, famous N.Y. advertising man, who, like the inventor, refuses to let deafness become an obstacle, once asked Edison—"Why is it that you, of all men, have not tried some electrical device for making hearing easier?" "Too busy," the inventor replied. "A lot of time is wasted in listening." And then, with a grin, he added—"If I had one of those things, my wife would want to talk to me all the time."

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Adv.—"Brown, the furrier, begs to announce that he will make up coats, capes, etc. for ladies out of their own skins."

# Churches

## IN THE DEAF WORLD

WESLEY LAURITSEN, Editor

### The Parable of the Talents

When I was first asked to take over the Church Department of THE SILENT WORKER I decided to politely decline on the grounds that I already had about all the work that I could handle. I talked it over with friends and the mem-



WESLEY LAURITSEN

bers of my family. Still my feeling was that I had better not undertake this even though one good friend placed in my hands my own motto, "Good Work Is Never Lost."

The turning point came on a Sunday afternoon as I came out of the auditorium of the Minnesota School for the Deaf where I had conducted services. Making my way to my 1937 Chevrolet, I was met by a couple driving a 1949 Lincoln. They wanted to find one Elizabeth Walman. They said the girl was deaf and dumb. The name was strange to me, so I volunteered to check with the house mothers. They assured me that no one by that name was enrolled in the school. Then I asked the visitors how old the girl was.

The answer stunned me. It was "She is thirty-six and cannot hear, talk, read, or write."

Since the school does not accept or keep students over twenty-one, I reasoned that the unfortunate lady must be enrolled at the Minnesota State School and Colony which is located a good mile on the other side of town. I had become interested and volunteered to take the visitors to the place. Sure enough we found the lady there.

I was deeply impressed. I thought "It might have been me." The Parable of the Talents flashed through my mind. My decision to accept the privilege of conducting the Church Page of this magazine was made there and then. I want to show appreciation to God for the many blessings that He has bestowed on me and the members of my family. I want to use the talents that God has given me and I do believe that there is a great opportunity for doing good through this page.

I assume the duties with great humility, knowing well all of my shortcomings. I realize that I must work hard to

even approach the high standard set up for this page by retiring editor McFarlane.

Religion is important to the welfare of the deaf, just as it is to the world. Having worked closely with people of all faiths for more than a quarter of a century, I have learned to respect all. I was confirmed in the Methodist Church (in the Norwegian language), have attended all protestant churches, and worked in one for more than twenty-seven years. Some of my best friends have been Catholics and Mormons. It will be my earnest endeavor to cover the religious work done among the deaf of all faiths. My success will to a large extent depend upon the amount of co-operation extended. I earnestly request that pastors and lay men send news and pictures to me. All will be used as far as possible.

We hope that you, dear friend, may hear the knock that the Reverend Mr. Leisman refers to in his sermon of the month that is printed on this page, and find happiness in serving the Lord.

### Sermon of the Month

Down through the years we have received much help and inspiration from short, to-the-point sermons published in various papers and magazines. Among the readers of THE SILENT WORKER there are many who do not have the opportunity to attend a place of worship. For these in particular, and for all others we hope to print a one-column sermon each month. These sermons will be written by ministers to the deaf of the various denominations. This is a cordial invitation to ministers to send us such messages.

*Mr. Lauritsen's modesty is somewhat overwhelming, in view of his obvious competence as church editor. THE SILENT WORKER regrets the loss of retiring editor McFarlane. At the same time, we acknowledge our debt to the chance encounter which caused Mr. Lauritsen to recall the familiar Parable.—Ed.*

Church news and pictures should be sent to Wesley Lauritsen, Minnesota School for the Deaf, Faribault, Minn. Copy should be typewritten and double spaced.

### Sermon of the Month

by the REVEREND A. G. LEISMAN

"Behold, I stand at the door and knock."—Rev. 3:20.

No one can look upon Holman Hunt's great painting, "Light of the World," without being moved. A door with rusty hinges, barred and closed, weeds and overgrown bushes to indicate the ruin of the soul. Here is Christ with a lantern in his left hand. The light from the lantern, which reveals the rank weeds, is the burning light of conscience. But the other light, which shines from his face, is the light of hope and forgiveness.

The right hand is lifted and is knocking on the door. The head is slightly inclined towards the door, as if the one who knocks were eagerly listening to hear if there will be a response to his knocking. It is the moment of destiny, the last appeal of love and mercy.

There is no latch, no handle, no knob on the outside of the door to your heart. Christ does not open the door; you open it to him from the inside. The reward of opening to Christ is described in his words, "I will come in unto him and will sup with him and he with me."

People have come into the house of your soul in the form of sorrow, fear, hate, anger, and they came to injure and to stain. Christ comes to bless, to bestow the things that make for an abundant life.

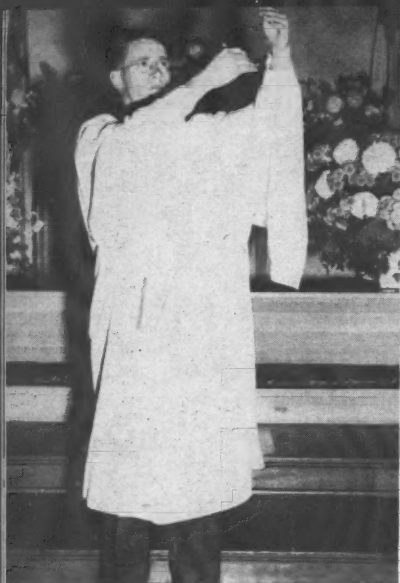
When opportunity knocks we fly to the door and let it in. We are eager for more money, more earthly security, more pleasures. How few of us admit Christ as the great Opportunity whereby we know the Way to God, the Truth about God, the Life with God!

Nobody has ever seen love, justice, mercy, goodness, truth, in a way it can be handled like a jewel. One sees the effects, influences, results. Christian life is an evidence of an inward grace, received through admitting Christ, as expressed in outward experiences.

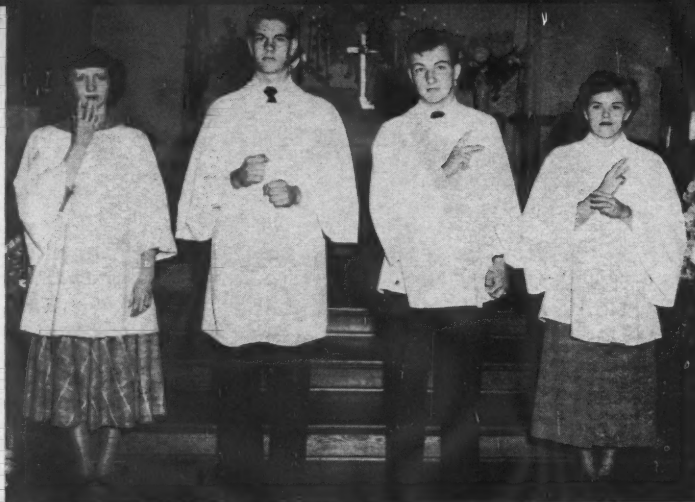
The only thing not impaired in a deaf person is his soul. The soul is capable of hearing the knock on its door through the sign language of ministers to the deaf, through Bible reading and prayers. A deaf Christian is he who admits Christ, dwells with him, walks in him.

O men and women who hear not and who do not go to church, listen to the knocking on the door! Persistent, imploring, pleading. Let Christ enter into your lives. Let him show the things that really matter. For as St. Paul said, "The things which are seen are temporal, but the things which are not seen are eternal."

So when Christ knocks at your door, it is really eternal life with God which does the knocking.



MARVIN MIERS  
Choir Leader



Part of the student choir sings "Beautiful Saviour, King of Creation." Left to right: La Voun Peterson, Howard Wahl, John Mathews, Betty Snow.



REV. STEWART DALE  
Pastor

## Ephphatha Church at Faribault, Has Served the Deaf for Fifty Years

In church work among the deaf we often find the word "Ephphatha." Many a time have we been asked what this word means. The answer can be found in the seventh chapter of Mark, the thirty-fourth verse. It is an Aramaic word that Jesus spoke to a deaf man. It means "Be Open!" Notice this word is engraved in stone over the entrance to the Ephphatha Church, of Faribault, pictured below.

The Faribault Ephphatha Church was founded in 1900 with the Rev. C. M. Larson as the first pastor. The purpose of the Mission is to bring the Gospel to the deaf so that their hearts may be opened to the saving power of Jesus. Pastor Larson served until 1912. Rev. B. J. Rothnem, a former Gallaudet Normal, served as pastor from 1913 to 1919. Then the work was taken over by Reverend Henry O. Bjorlie, who served for twenty-eight years, until the time of his death in 1947.

Services were at first conducted in one of the Lutheran churches in the city. This was not a very satisfactory arrangement and under the direction of Pastor Bjorlie funds were raised to buy an old school building. This was remodeled and used as a church from 1921 to 1941.

In 1941 the present Ephphatha Church was completed and dedicated. It is said to be one of the finest churches for the deaf in the world. Gifts from people interested in this work made construction possible and it is debt free.

This church is sponsored by the Home Missions Department of the Evangelical Lutheran Church. Services for the blind are also held in this church, but at a different time. The church is ideally located about one half mile from the Minnesota School for the Deaf and

about a half mile from the Minnesota Braille and Sight-saving School.

Attendance during the school year is encouraging. Every Sunday sees about 150 students from the Minnesota School for the Deaf at this church for morning worship. A dozen or more adult deaf are also in attendance. On special occasions, such as homecoming Sunday at the School, the attendance is much greater. At the last fall homecoming there were 193 deaf persons in attendance.

The present pastor of the Ephphatha Church was installed in the fall of 1948, shortly after he was out of the seminary. Two months previous to his installation he and his wife made an intensive study of the sign language and learned enough to conduct services. The editor of this page had the privilege of teaching them and can truthfully say that they were the best pupils he has ever had. Pastor Dale delivers his sermons in the sign language and spoken language simultaneously. There are usually a number of hearing people in attendance. Both deaf and hearing are high in their praise of the delivery.

We are pleased to print part of the recent homecoming service sermon, which seems very appropriate, on this page. It follows:

"This time of the year is homecoming time at many of the schools throughout the country. It is a time of joy for many people. At homecoming people from far and wide gather for fellowship with old friends they perhaps have not seen for many years. Hundreds of deaf people in all parts of the country each year look forward to homecoming at their former schools where they can have a reunion with their former schoolmates and friends.

"But there is another homecoming that is far more important and far more wonderful than any that we experience at our former schools. God has planned a 'HOMECOMING' that makes all others of little importance in comparison. Today let us think about that homecoming God has planned and try to answer five questions:

"First: Where will it be? Not at one of our schools, but in heaven, the place that God has prepared for all who love Him.

"Second: When will it be? The date is not known. God Himself has decided the day. We do not know the day or the hour.

"Third: What will God's homecoming be like? It will be a time of joy for all of God's children. All of God's children on that day will meet again. That homecoming will not be for one or two days, but will continue for all eternity.

"Fourth: Who will be there? The Bible says, '... they shall come from the east and the west and the north and the south.' Unfortunately some will not be at God's homecoming because they have turned away from the Saviour and have lived a life of sin. Only believers will go home to be with God.

"Fifth: How shall we prepare for God's homecoming? The Bible says, 'Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved.' We must turn from our sinful ways and let the Bible be our guide in life."

Besides regular Sunday worship at Ephphatha there are meetings of the congregation, of the ladies aid, and of the Young People's Luther League. Every Sunday there is a church picnic.

Plans have already begun to take shape for a gala celebration of the church's fiftieth anniversary. This will be held on October 8, 1950.

## The Bible Is The Great Character Builder

In his commencement address at Galaudet College last June Dr. George Morris McClure, Sr., said:

"The great character builder is the Bible,—whosoever reads, and heeds its teaching can scarcely go wrong. Years ago in my old home town a young lawyer wed the village belle. Among the wedding gifts was a Bible from a friend. On the fly leaf was written 'Compass and Chart for the Voyage.' A quarter of a century or so later the lawyer was sworn in as Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States of America, with his hand resting on this same Bible. The Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia was present and noted the inscription. He begged permission to add a line and wrote, in effect, 'Compass and Chart have proved faithful guides.' And you, likewise, could not find a safer guide for the voyage before you."

## 1950 Dixie Lutheran Conference Due in Memphis

Deaf laymen and pastors will meet in conference at Trinity Lutheran Church, Memphis, Tenn., January 28-29. Laymen may be selected by organized congregations in Missouri and Central and Southern Illinois. Deaf members of the Lutheran Church in other towns of Alabama, Arkansas, Georgia, Illinois, Kentucky, Louisiana and Missouri, and visitors from other states are invited.

The program will include a paper on the ministry among the deaf, delivered by the Rev. Dr. John L. Salvner. For further information write to Walter H. Maack, Chairman, 509 West Main St., Collinsville, Ill.

## Deaf Missionary Honored

Rev. Warren M. Smaltz, missionary to the deaf in Pennsylvania, has been elected to membership in the Society of Biblical Literature and Exegesis because of his extensive original researches into the date and authorship of the Johanne Writings in the New Testament. The Society was founded in 1880, and is a Constituent of the American Council of Learned Societies, numbering among its members a majority of the Biblical scholars of America.

## Let Us Be Grateful

President Truman issued a presidential proclamation just before Thanksgiving that is equally appropriate at the beginning of the new year. For this reason we are pleased to give it space on our Church page. It follows:

"In accordance with our cherished custom, let us pause from our labors and offer prayers of thanks to the Divine Giver of our bounty.

"We are grateful for the plentiful harvests of our fields, for the abundance of goods produced by our industries, and for the multitude of spiritual blessings which enrich our lives.

"We are thankful that our resources enable us to aid the peoples of other countries in the furtherance of economic well-being and security.

"We deeply appreciate the strength of our democratic institutions and the preservation of those ideals of liberty and justice which form the basis of national stability and international peace. The times demand more than the wisdom of man can provide.

"There should be in the hearts of all good men and true a realization that as the Psalmist said: 'There is no king saved by the multitude of an host: a mighty man is not delivered by much strength.'

"Humbly grateful for these benefactions, may we add to our prayers of thanksgiving a plea for divine guidance of the leaders of our nation and the leaders of all other nations in their efforts to promote peace and freedom for all men."

## A Deaf Man's Prayer

By Emery Edwin Vinson

*God grant that I may know  
Such little use for sound  
That I shall lightly bear  
The chain by which I'm bound.*

*God, will it so to be  
That out of silence grim  
I may be brought to feel  
A kinship nearer Him.*

*God, since I cannot hear,  
Grant Thou this boon to me;  
A vision strong and clear  
The way of life to see.*

*Love, life, and beauty, all  
Are made to see and feel.  
God, grant that I may look  
And, seeing, have my fill.*

## Silas Hirte Ordained

"Take thou Authority to execute the Office of a Deacon in the Church of God committed unto thee; In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, Amen."

With these words the Rt. Rev. B. F. P. Ivins, Bishop of the Milwaukee Diocese, conferred upon Silas James Hirte, Delavan, the sacred Order of Deacon on the morning of May 17, at St. James' Episcopal Church, Milwaukee, in the presence of about 50 friends. Assisting in the service were the Rev. V. P. Stewart, rector of St. James', and myself. I had the honor to present Candidate Hirte and to preach the ordination sermon. William Milligan, head of the Wisconsin State School for Deaf, was the interpreter.

It was a simple yet impressive service with Holy Communion following the ordination, during which the newly ordained minister passed the chalice. A noon lunch was served to 29 in the parish hall.

While no exact figures are available it is believed that Silas is the 32nd deaf man to become a minister in the Episcopal Church of America since 1876, when the Rev. Henry Winter Syle became the first. At that time Bishop William Stevens, who officiated, declared that a study of the Scriptures proved there was no reason why a deaf man could not be ordained to minister to the deaf.

Bishop Ivins probably has some kind of record. It was his third ordination of a deaf man. Previously he ordained me a Deacon and later a Priest, both occasions at St. James' too.

It will be two years before the Reverend Mr. Hirte may be elevated to the Priesthood. Meanwhile he will serve as my assistant and also assist at Holy Communion.

All good wishes to a truly noble soul.

—Rev. A. G. Leisman.

"GOD FIRST"  
CHRISTIAN DEAF FELLOWSHIP  
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of the Christian Deaf  
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Norfolk 9, Virginia  
Not Doctrine or Creed, but Christ  
and His Word for the Deaf.

Pictured below are most of the 193 worshippers who attended the Homecoming services on October 9, 1949. All except the minister and his wife are deaf.



# From the sublime TO THE RIDICULOUS...

FELIX KOWALEWSKI, Editor

## TRUE NOBILITY

*As it is given you or good or ill,  
To know and judge, be yours no crafty art,  
No other magic save a high born heart,  
Proud yet not overbearing; kind yet still  
True to the tenets of a master will,  
And Truth's high star. O be not yours the part  
To work wrong deeds that fill earth's busy mart  
Where men for lust of dross heart-gold distill.*

*And should at times you err, be not sore wrought;  
We human are; we fail to read aright;  
We are but little worlds, our little light  
Unequal shines, so one wise sage has taught,  
As move we round the great God-light whose beam  
Falls shadow-faint on some—a star-strayed gleam.*

*From the book, "To Her I Love,"  
—JAMES SOWELL.*

## SILENCE IS GOLDEN FOR DEAF JAPS

According to a news dispatch, Japan's largest movie chain probably will start a new policy the first of the year.

Practical-minded Japanese felt that the deaf were getting only half value when they attended the talkies, so, said a chain spokesman, a special half-rate ticket probably will be sold to the deaf after January 1.

Pondering on the lot of the Japanese brings us to the solution of something that has puzzled us. Now, in the good old United States, we pay

regular prices for movie tickets, or if we don't like the talkies we stay home. But when we go to a club to see an occasional silent movie, we pay four prices to get in. In this land of the free, we pay regular rates for what we can't understand, and we get socked extra if we want to see something we can understand.

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Then there was the deaf wife who divorced her deaf husband on grounds of extreme cruelty. He told her to keep her big fist shut.

## FROM OBTUSE TO SUBLIME

*There is an arid phase of the mind  
When the unschooled child is lost,  
When he has not written-word to find  
His way around among world's host:  
A large hollowness inwardly yearns  
For enlightenment, reasons as to why  
Things be as they are—of these he learns  
With our signs and gives a joyous cry;  
Of earth's vastness whereon he stands,  
Of heavenly bodies, pleiades, stars,  
Whyfore tides, of thunder he understands,  
Other natural laws, why there are bars.  
Credulity, fears, forgot, dispelled,  
Upsurges confidence to go forward—  
It takes time for child to be drilled,  
But THEN there's for all immense reward.*

ARCHIBALD WRIGHT  
Ottawa, Canada.

## ELEGY IN A GREEK RESTAURANT

*The factories toot for lunch at middle day,  
The taxicabs go winding o'er the lea,  
The office crowds are jamming each cafe  
And leaving not a single stool for me.  
The waitress yowls at me, "Hey, whatcha  
want?"  
The wad of gum she chews is just immense.  
I look the menu o'er, but nothing on't  
Is listed there at less than eighty cents.  
I sadly shake my head in glum dismay;  
I haven't but a quarter in my jeans;  
I plod to Pouppoupoulis' cross the way  
And order me a quarter's worth of beans.  
Beans, beans, beans, beans, beans, beans,  
beans!  
I fill up on a platterful of beans.*

—CRUTCH



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## WHODUNNIT?

There was a yarn in *Pageant* which deserves some looking into. According to this piece, a boy had been hustled to the hospital with a broken leg and countless cuts and bruises. His father was called in to his bedside, where he found the boy encased in casts and bandages.

"What happened?" asked papa. "Did you have a wreck coming home from your girl's house?"

"No," groaned the boy.

"Well, what happened?"

"Oh, we were jitterbugging," said the boy, "and my girl's old man came in. He is deaf and couldn't hear the music—so he threw me out the window."

Nice joke, but the reason we include it here is that it was supposed to have been written by one Ken Norton. Is Ken Norton deaf? If so, will someone let us know?

# National Association of the Deaf

BYRON B. BURNES, *President*

ROBERT M. GREENMUN, *Secretary-Treasurer*

## Executive Board Assignments

When the new officers and members of the Executive Board were elected at the Cleveland convention, President Burnes announced that he would assign to each officer and member of the Board an important committee post, rather than select committee chairmen from among the membership. In this way the capable men selected to office would assume an active role in administering the affairs of the Association. It marks the first time in history that every Board member and officer will have a definite assignment. It will distribute some of the load heretofore carried by the president and the secretary.

First Vice President Lawrence Yolles was offered the all-important task of heading the Committee on Increasing the Endowment Fund. This is a new committee. At the time of the Los Angeles convention a committee on ways and means of increasing the fund was established, but at the Louisville convention the committee was replaced by the president and the secretary, who were charged with the responsibilities of starting a campaign to increase the Endowment Fund. The fast growth of the Association has made it practically impossible for these two officials to give proper attention to the Endowment Fund campaign, because of many other details demanding their attention, so a new committee has been established for this purpose, under the direction of the vice president. Mr. Yolles has accepted the appointment and has entered into the work with commendable enthusiasm and energy.

Second Vice President Reuben Altizer has been asked to head a Membership Committee, which will inaugurate a campaign for members and organization of branches. It is hoped that the work of this committee will result in unprecedented expansion of the Association's membership, to the end that it will become the solid nation-wide organization of the deaf it should be. In the past, membership organization has devolved upon the secretary. It has been his task to appoint organizers and to devise means of increasing the membership. With the membership reaching into the thousands, it is becoming impossible for one man to handle all the countless details. The committee under Mr. Altizer will take over many of the details, giving the secretary time for more attention to other important responsibilities.

Board Member Marcus L. Kenner

has been asked to remain in the post he has held for many years—chairmanship of the Welfare Legislation Committee. Mr. Kenner, from past experience, is thoroughly acquainted with the work of this committee, and he has carried out a number of projects beneficial to all the deaf. We are fortunate in being able to keep him in this important office, and he has graciously consented to remain.

Board Member George Gordon Kanapell had his duties outlined at the Cleveland convention. He was elected to organize the annual "NAD Day," a day upon which all the deaf of the land will be asked to unite in some kind of benefit affair for the Endowment Fund. This event will be carried out in conjunction with the plans of the Endowment Fund Committee, and full details of Mr. Kanapell's plans will be reported in *THE SILENT WORKER* as his work progresses.

Chairmanship of the Committee for the Suppression of Peddling has been offered to Board Member Arnold Daulton.

These represent the important N.A.D. administrative committees, from which its most important action will stem. Certain Board Members have not yet been heard from, and others have not yet completed organization of their work. As they all swing into action, reports of their activities will be presented on this page.

## The Race Question

A New England writer has a piece in one of the papers about a colored girl who was denied membership in the N.A.D. at the registration desk at the Cleveland convention. Since this brings up the race question again, it might be well to tell on this page what took place at Cleveland and what was decided.

Section 1 of Article I of the N.A.D. By-laws says: "Any white deaf citizen of the United States may become a member of this Association . . ." In view of this law, the only course the convention could take was to deny membership to the colored applicant, which they did as politely as they could. The young lady evidently accepted the decision in good spirit.

It happened that President Burnes in his address at the opening of the convention had taken cognizance of the race question and had recommended that the convention consider a revision of the law. Action on his recommendation brought to light numerous factors which

would have to be considered. For example, the N.A.D. is a national organization. It holds its conventions in all sections of the country, and it hopes to continue to be welcome in any quarter. Can the N.A.D. meet in sections of the country and make its headquarters in hotels where members of certain races are not admitted, if those races are included in the N.A.D. membership? Or should the N.A.D. wait to welcome members of the colored race into its organization until it has assurance that those members will be welcomed at the hotels where it holds forth? So many similar questions presented themselves, it was decided at the convention to refer the matter to the Executive Board for consideration. In due time, the Executive Board will consider the race question.

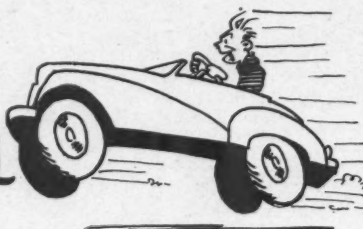
The New England writer asks, "When was the rule (Section 1) passed and why? If the N.A.D. is fighting to protect the rights of all the deaf, where do the colored deaf come in? Where were the champions of the minority who let that law be enacted?"

For the information of the New England writer, Section 1 was inserted into the By-laws at the Washington convention in 1926, but the records do not explain the reason. The champions of the minority were absent or inaudible, as the amendment passed without a dissenting vote. The question as to whose rights the N.A.D. protects is not involved in the matter of membership. The N.A.D. is an organization for the welfare of all the deaf, and as such it will go into action on behalf of colored deaf the same as any other deaf. In seeking measures beneficial to the deaf, the N.A.D. is working for the interests of them all, and there is no record of its ever having classified the deaf by the color of their skin.

## Convention Photographs

We are informed by the photographer that there has been an unavoidable delay in mailing out some of the pictures ordered by Cleveland convention-goers. A combination of unfortunate circumstances has plagued Mr. Mescol, but at the present time he believes that all photographs which were ordered have been mailed. Anyone who holds a receipt for a picture which has not yet been received should communicate with Frank H. Mescol c/o Bell Photographers, 2018 Walnut St., Philadelphia 3, Pennsylvania.

# THE NUT THAT HOLDS THE WHEEL



By THE AUTOMANIAC

The right of way is no excuse for an accident. Those words are as true today as when they were first uttered, probably by a judge, so many years ago. I might also add that the words, "He had the right of way," engraved on a tombstone, are of little benefit to the fellow underneath it.

The fact remains, however, that in practically all accidents one driver had the right of way and the other did not, and the one who did not tried to take it. It follows, therefore, that most accidents could never happen if the right of way were observed by all drivers.

There are two obstacles. One is ignorance; many drivers simply do not know who has the right of way in any given set of circumstances. The other is "don't-give-a-damn;" many drivers insist on taking the right of way whether or not they are entitled to it. I might also mention a third: blindness; some drivers infringe on the rights of others without knowing that they are doing so, such as the fellow who wanders from lane to lane.

The right of way is no deep, dark mystery. We all know that two cars cannot occupy the same space at the same time. To eliminate the difficulty which arises every time two cars approach the same spot, the powers that be have established certain rules of the road whereby one car should give way to the other and thus make it possible for both to pass the spot in turn without colliding. The car which is given the right to proceed first is said to have the right of way.

In the past much confusion existed due to the fact that various states established rules which were in conflict with each other. However, steps are being taken to establish a uniform set of rules for the entire nation, and it is to be hoped that these rules will soon come into effect.

Meanwhile, the accident toll mounts day by day. It behooves all of us who drive to learn the rules of the road and observe them. Obviously, the writer cannot enlarge upon the most important rules because they still are not uniform across the country, but to a great extent common sense applied to each situation will bring you out right.

The first thing to remember is to be ready to give the right of way to the other fellow if he is going hell-bent for an accident, even if you are actually in the right. It is far better to avoid the accident than to insist on the right of way and perhaps wind up in a lawsuit—or a hospital.

At a simple intersection, in most states the car approaching from the right has the right of way. But apply a little common sense to that. It is intended to control when the cars reach the crossing at the same time or almost the same time.

Obviously it would be unreasonable to expect a car which has already reached an intersection to wait for a car approaching from the right but still a considerable distance away. Regardless, when approaching an intersection you should always be ready to stop; some fool may go through the crossing without even slowing down.

On the highway, cars going in opposite directions should each keep as far to the right as possible. The center line is sacred; no good driver ever crosses it under any circumstances. When passing on roads of less than four lanes, remember the car you are passing has the right of way over you if you should be forced back into line by approaching traffic. In case of a road block on either side of the road, be courteous and in all likelihood the other fellow will be courteous too. Let one car from each direction pass the road block in turn.

In general, the car proceeding straight ahead has the right of way over the car making a turn. The same applies to a car pulling into or out of line. If you want to leave your lane to pass or for any other reason, the cars already in the passing lane have the right of way over you. If you are in the left lane and meet a block, such as another car waiting for a chance to make a left turn, you are out of luck; the cars in the right lane have the right of way over you. In other words, while you are driving straight ahead you have the right of way, but you lose it as soon as you turn your wheel.

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To learn how, Leon, after graduating from the Ohio School for the Deaf in 1918, entered the Ohio State College for a course in drafting. After a few months, on account of his deafness, he deemed it more feasible to finish the course through the International Correspondence Schools. On completion, he had no trouble in securing a tune-up job in Akron, O. Not liking the smell of rubber and hearing of a vacancy in the County Auditor's office of Steubenville, Ohio, he applied for same and was accepted on trial as Tax Plat Draftsman in 1920. Leon ended the "trial" himself 22 years later and moved to Detroit and his present position.

Moreland's advice to young men wishing to succeed at his calling is to drift little and draft lots.

—Henry C. Crutcher

# *S*Winging 'round the nation

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## ALABAMA . . .

Through the courtesy of H. L. Baynes of Talladega, we are able to bring you an accounting of the Alabama School Homecoming and football game between Alabama and Tennessee on October 15, written for the *Alabama Messenger* by J. B. McDaniel.

Homecomings are always exciting times, the times when old friends come back home to see the old place, renew old friendships and make new ones. That is what happened when more than three hundred guests descended upon the Alabama school campus in Talladega October 14 and 15 to see the Tennessee football team while the daylight out of the Alabama boys 39-0.

Many parents of students presently enrolled were on hand to witness crowning of Kay Frances Moody, Homecoming Queen, at the dance held Friday night in the school gym. The Georgia school sent twenty of its prettiest girls, many Tennessee rooters were on hand, and over a hundred faithful alumni journeyed from far and near.

Visitors arriving Saturday morning were taken on part of the Pilgrimage then being held in Talladega. They were shown through several of the older houses in town and were much impressed by the fine old furnishings, the ladies in antebellum dresses, and the spacious green lawns with moss-hung magnolia trees gave them an idea of just what the deep South was like a hundred years ago. Four Seniors of the Alabama school, in costumes of the Old South, received visitors on the lawn outside Manning Hall Saturday morning. They were Audrey Black, Agnes Owen, Delores Deason and Dorothy Artis.

Don Bradford and his first deer, a two-hundred pounder, Don, a teacher at the New Mexico School, bagged the deer at Turkey Mountain, 90 miles from Santa Fe.

Following the Pilgrimage, visitors were taken to Shocco Springs, where Indian wigwams were set up and a few Indians were on hand to lend color. De Soto is supposed to have camped at Shocco Springs several hundred years ago.

During the afternoon it rained bucketful and visitors feared it would rain during the game. Mr. Baynes showed movies taken of athletic teams of bygone years and when the crowds began to converge on Dumas Field for the football game, the rain had stopped. It started again, however, but failed to reduce the throng of spectators who watched the mighty Tennessee boys massacre the Alabama boys. The boys played well, the Tennessee team is to be congratulated upon their superb knowledge of the game and the home team too for the game way they fought a losing battle.

Noted at the Homecoming were Mr. and Mrs. Conley Akin, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Smith, Mr. Stoner and Mrs. Ray Gallimore, all of Tennessee.

Those coming from Georgia included Mr. and Mrs. John Caple, Miss Katherine Casey, Mrs. Frances Tollefson, Mrs. Connor Dillard, Mrs. Helen Nathanson, Patsy Baker, Lois Watkins, Louise Walters, Laura Pope, Sara Crisp, Jackie Dukes, Ruth Owens, Louise Boyd, Edna Pope, Louise Wilson, Evelyn Robinson, Frances Cox, Rowena Heath, Vivian Turner, Billie Jean Smith, Fae Nell Evans, Faye Johnson, Wilda Maulden and Mary Moon.

## NEW MEXICO . . .

Most talked about event right now is the 200 pound deer Don Bradford shot

on November 11 at Turkey Mountain some 90 miles from Santa Fe. It was Don's first deer and naturally he is quite excited. See picture elsewhere.

Hunting seems to be all the rage down in New Mexico. John King, school employee at Santa Fe, drove 200 miles on a hunting trip Armistice Day weekend and though he returned empty handed, he beams with fatherly pride when telling about the 225 pound buck his 16-year-old son, Junior, shot at Magdalena Area.

Thomas Dillon took Walter Smith and Ubaldo Gurule with him to the San Mateo Mountains in southern N.M. November 10 and returned four days later with one deer shot by Walter.

Other hunters were Marshall Hester, Supt. of the New Mexico school, and Robert Clingenpeel and Dick Lane, who went out in search of wild turkey. They did not shoot any but Bob isn't giving up. He and LeRoy Riding are going out again in hopes of having wild turkey on the table for Thanksgiving.

Julian Cordova, recently hospitalized with a heart ailment, is up and about again. He is at his job again as this leaves us.

When natives of New Mexico are not deer or turkey hunting they go mountain climbing. Energetic people, are they not? Supt. Hester, in company of three of his teachers, set out early one morning to scale Lake Peak. Giving up in the face of rain, sleet and snow, and spending the day before a roaring wood fire, were Mary Sladek, Alice Lusk, and Don Bradford. We would prefer the fire to the mountain climbing, wouldn't you?

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### Gallaudet Opens New Library

Gallaudet College has opened new library facilities almost five times as large as the library's former quarters.

The new library, situated on the main floor of the college's administration building, occupies five adjoining rooms, newly reconditioned, with scientific lighting throughout.

The library, consisting of approximately 10,000 volumes, carefully selected to supplement the college's curriculum, was formerly housed in a large but crowded second story room in the same building. The college, in the past, had to turn down numerous gifts of books, lacking adequate space to house them. The new library, however, will remedy the situation, being capable of holding many times the present number of books.

The library has a particularly valuable collection of books dealing with the early education of the deaf, according to Mrs. Lucille H. Pendell, librarian. The Baker Collection, as it is called, consists of 528 works collected by Charles Baker, an early teacher of the deaf in England, from whose estate the college purchased the set in 1874. Some of the books date as far back as 1546. of the books date as far back as 1546. Through donations and purchases, the library's collection on education of the deaf has expanded still further.

The new library was formally dedicated December 11, as part of the Gallaudet Day celebration, which began December 10, the day set aside by the deaf to honor Thomas Hopkins Gallaudet, the first teacher of the deaf in America. Friends of the college and area librarians were invited to the ceremony, as were members of the Congress.

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### CALIFORNIA . . .

A little bird tells us that Mary Sladek is coming home for Christmas in a new '49 Chev. Club Coupe. Mary wrote brother Frank that she had bought a '39 Chev. but she distinctly told Jerry Fail that it was a '49 model and was to be delivered December 1.

Gloria Hutcherson was a mighty surprised young woman November 5 when 40 close friends gathered to wish her a happy birthday. A lovely cake, decorated in Gloria's favorite colors, was cut and served by husband Conrad who, incidentally, baked the cake himself as he is a baker by trade. Lots of useful gifts were unwrapped and a goodly sum of money was presented Gloria who seems to get younger with each passing year. Says she: "You are as young as you feel." Loveliest gift was a pressure cooker from Con who is hoping for some de-licious dinners henceforth.

Some of you readers may have been wondering about Mr. and Mrs. Philip Katz. Burton Schmidt tells us that Louise and Philip are living in Riverside, Calif., and that Philip is a tailor at the air base at March Field, a position he has held the past four years. Daughter Beverly graduates from Berkeley in June and son, Norman, is a Senior at Riverside Poly Hi. A three year member of the ROTC, Norman is in line to become an officer.

Hobby Show at the Long Beach Club November 19 was quite a success with Jerry Fail, Cora Park, and Waite Mead taking 1st, 2nd, and 3rd prizes respectively. Jerry and Cora both do copper tooling.

Catherine Marshall, Berkeley, is a lucky gal! She escaped with only a few bruises when her '48 Studebaker overturned in a heavy rainstorm in September. Her insurance company has made good and now Catherine is driving one of those "airplane nose" 1950 Studebakers.

Dr. Tom Anderson attended the National Convention of Rehabilitation Officers in San Antonio, Tex. Dr. Anderson is a Vice-Pres. of the organization.

Visitors in Oakland are Mrs. Edna Bertram and Mrs. Olaf Hanson, Seattle, Wash., and Clarence Doane, Los Angeles. The trio were feted at a recent party given by Mrs. Betsy Howson at her Berkeley home. Mrs. Bertram was also honored at a bridge party given by Genevieve Sink and Mrs. Monroe Jacobs at the Jacobs residence.

The Memorial Lutheran Church in Oakland held its annual bazaar on Armistice Day. A goodly crowd was on

hand to look, to purchase, and to partake of the delicious supper, after which the evening was spent playing cards.

### MISSOURI . . .

October marked the beginning of a full social season for the Kansas City Club of the Deaf. The Hobby Show, Hallowe'en Party, Mystery Package affair, and Barn Dance were all for the benefit of the 1950 MAAD tournament fund. (The 1950 MAAD will be held in K.C. during February.) Most unusual was the Mystery Package affair which was under the chairmanship of Albert and Virginia Stack and with the cooperation of the girls, over 100 packages were received from all over the U.S. They netted a tidy profit. (We wonder how the Mystery Package party was managed. Would like to try it out here in California, eh, Harriet?)

Visitors who attended the Hallowe'en Party and the Barn Dance were the Clarence Pochers, Harold Jacobs, Mary Smith, the Woodford Clemons and the M. Biards of St. Joseph, Mo., and Amy Westenberger of Xavier, Kan.

There seems to be a buying spree of new and used cars among the deaf of KCCD. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wolfe became the owners of a '37 Pontiac; the Joe Webers acquired a '41 Mercury convertible; Dick Phelan, a '47 Ford; Coy Sigman traded in his '37 Hudson for a '41 model; George Steinhauer bought a '50 Statesman Super Nash on November 5 and the following Sunday found most of the deaf huddled around inspecting the new buggy.

Pat O'Connor, hearing son of the John O'Connors of Blaine, Kan., and brother of our Alvin O'Connor, has been a recent visitor to the KCCD, being a student at nearby Rockhurst College in K.C.

We are indebted to Harriet Booth for the Missouri items and she gives promise of being one of our best contributors.

### UTAH . . .

Mr. and Mrs. Arvel Christensen entertained members and wives of the Ogden NFSD division at a Mexican dinner recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Burnett, now residing in Rifle, Colo., were recent visitors in Ogden. Joe works for the U.S. at the Oil Shale experimental development near Rifle.

Mr. and Mrs. John White are the proud owners of a new car, a Plymouth.

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## K. C. Deaf Get Law Against Peddling

Successful culmination of several months of agitation by Kansas City deaf came Monday night, November 7, when the City Council unanimously passed an ordinance to regulate peddling.

The move to assure such an ordinance was inaugurated last June when a delegation of deaf citizens appeared before the City Council and filed a protest with the members of that body concerning the activities of gangs of itinerant deaf peddlers. The movement to alleviate the situation was spearheaded by Fred R. Murphy, president of the Missouri Association of the Deaf, who, speaking through an interpreter, sharply denounced peddling gangs and called on the Council to do something to protect the status of Kansas City's deaf population. Charles R. Green, president of the local chapter of the Missouri Association of the Deaf, also spoke telling of the degrading influences of deaf peddlers.

As a result of this visit by the deaf to the Council, Mayor William E. Kemp invited the deaf to appoint a committee to meet with city officials and draw up an ordinance. This meeting was held within a few days in the office of L. P. Cookingham, city manager. The deaf were represented by Charles R. Green, Harold Day, Mercedes Lago, Edna McArtor, and Fred R. Murphy, with Miss Ethel Clarkson as interpreter.

This ordinance is designed primarily to protect handicapped persons from being exploited by racketeers who hire them as salesmen. Establishment of a yearly fee of \$50 for a non-resident peddling license will probably make the cost of operation so high that peddlers will not care to ply their trade in Kansas City. The \$50 fee applies to each individual, in other words if a peddling gang desires to work in Kansas City the "boss" must pay \$50 for a license for each of his hirelings. Because of the tendency of peddling gangs to shift from one location to another, it is felt by those behind the ordinance that the \$50 per peddler license fee will be considered too expensive to operate in Kansas City.

Resident handicapped persons who have lived in Kansas City over a year may obtain a resident license by applying to the Director of Welfare. The cost of this resident license is only \$1.00 per year. In reviewing applications for resident licenses the Director of Welfare will be advised by a representative of the deaf population acting through the Charities Solicitation Committee. This will have the effect of giving the deaf

a voice in deciding who shall and who shall not have licenses to peddle. This provision is made to protect honest and indigent deaf peddlers who are forced to peddle for a living because of some added physical handicap which precludes the possibility of discriminating against those who find it absolutely necessary to peddle and who do so legitimately.

In addition to the restrictions and requirements for the purchase of a license to peddle, the ordinance also imposes certain other conditions. Peddling is prohibited in the down-town area and is limited to the hours of 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Merchandise sold must have an honest value on it and not be so designed to exploit the handicap of the seller. The employment of children to peddle is prohibited at all times. The penalty for violation of the provisions of the ordi-

nance is revocation of the license.

The city municipal government has offered to provide re-prints of the ordinance within the near future. Realizing that preparation of data and instructions of Kansas City's ordinance will entail considerable time and expense, President Murphy has proposed the organization of the S.S.D.P.R., Society for the Suppression of the Deaf Peddling Racket, as the means for the effective dissemination of information. To bear the expenses, contributions from individuals and groups might be solicited with all funds received deposited where they may be instantly available for use in the work of the society. Pending organization of this society, President Murphy will be glad to receive suggestions and comments that may be directed to him at his home address, 4241 Prospect, Kansas City 4, Mo.

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Others who are driving new cars are: the Ross Thurstons, a Chrysler; the Ned Wheelers, Eugene Plumby, Chevrolets; the Andrew Gogas, Mercury; and the Earl Rogersons and George Laramies have new Dodges.

Lucky people are Mr. and Mrs. John Streets who recently moved into the wonderful new house they bought for a mere \$5575 on West 5th in Salt Lake City. Earl Rogerson wonders at the price because he was looking at a place just the other day that cost around \$15,000. The Streets had their home built in 90 days. The house is colonial in style.

Mr. and Mrs. N. C. Wheeler served as hosts at the November Frat social. Poker, bingo, prizes and a chili supper comprised the evening. Mrs. A. Burdett took first prize while Ruby Whipple took the booby.

### WASHINGTON...

The PSAD started the ball rolling toward the Washington State '51 Convention fund, turning in the proceeds of its successful Bonnet Party which took place November 12 under the capable management of Billy Martin and Richard Rath.

Guy Wonder, with the aid of Mrs. Wonder, followed the Bonnet Party with another in the recreation room of their lovely new home the evening of November 19. 'Ere very long, we hope to have \$500 in the fund.

Harold Strickel of the WSAD and the Convention Chairman has chosen the following to serve on his Committee: Helen Wallace, co-chairman; Ethel Sanders, secretary; Oscar Sanders, treas.; Albert Wright, Billy Martin, Guy Wonder, Mrs. Strickel and Richard Rath. All of them are hustling.

Oscar Sanders has a novel way of raising funds for the convention. At almost every meeting, Oscar brings forth a box of luscious apples from his farm. He raffles them off and turns in the proceeds. Oscar's head, though very bald, is full of bright ideas.

Another successful event on the November program was the basket social by the NFSD Auxiliary on November 5. Ethel Sanders was the capable chairman.

The Lutheran Church plans a bazaar the end of November and the Dramatic Club members assembled at the home of Helen Wallace, who submits Washing-

ton news for THE SILENT WORKER, on November 18 to make plans for their next play which will most likely take place in March.

When the deaf of Seattle read in the local newspapers of the rounding up of a gang of teen-agers who had been stealing cars, their first thought turned to Guy Wonder whose car had been stolen three months ago. Sure enough, Guy's car was among those stolen by the gang and though driven some 500 miles during the three months, it was in good shape.

Brief though her visit was, it was truly a pleasure to have in our midst a popular former Seattleite, Mrs. Agratha Hanson, who came back to visit her old home and friends for two weeks in October. Leaving Seattle in company of Mrs. Edna Bertman, Agatha visited Portland.

Mrs. Stella Lorenz is convalescing from a major operation and Mr. W. Mellis is reported to be improving from his recent illness.

### MARYLAND...

From Elizabeth Moss, Baltimore, Md., comes a bit of news which though a bit out of season, should afford Joan Reid and Margaret McKellar some pleasant day-dreams whilst watching the mercury go down, down, down these chilly wintry days. Last summer Joan spent a delightful month in Texas, the trip being a graduation gift from her parents. Margaret's "Priscilla Plymouth" helped her enjoy the NAD convention and the Teacher's Conference in Jacksonville, Ill., besides visiting numerous friends en route. Margaret drove some 3000 miles in the Plymouth and was accompanied part of the way by Marie Coretti, Blanche Boland, Mrs. Anthony Hajna

and Mrs. Peterson. Now all five of them are back at the Maryland School for the Blind where they teach deaf children in the colored department.

Rev. and Mrs. George Flick, Chicago, have been residing in Baltimore the past couple of months. Mrs. Flick underwent a second operation on her left eye on October 3. We are glad to report she is recuperating nicely.

On October 1, Mr. Samuel Sperandeo, 39, of Baltimore, and his 6-year-old son, Harry, were drowned while on a fishing trip in a 24 ft. cabin cruiser in the Gunpowder River just off Carroll's Island. Mr. Sperandeo died trying to rescue his son who had fallen overboard. An older son, Samuel, Jr., and a playmate remained on board the boat and were unable to stop it until they had gone some distance from the spot where Harry fell. Their cries for help were answered by another fisherman in an out-board motor. Our sympathy is extended to the bereaved family. Mrs. Sperandeo, nee Grace Redman, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Redman.

Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Amberg are the proud owners of a new brick home out on Purdue Ave.

### IOWA...

Mrs. Hugh Courter of Boone was hostess at a baby shower for Mrs. Dan Kirievsky on October 9. Thirty-five guests were present. Mrs. Kirievsky, nee Kathryn Brown, lived in Des Moines until her marriage. Mrs. Courter was assisted by Edith Montgomery, Theda Classen, Dorothy Brown and Mrs. Ralph Clayton at whose home the affair was held.

Mr. and Mrs. George Laramie and daughter of Salt Lake City, Utah, vis-

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ited briefly in Council Bluffs with the Eugene McConnells and in Des Moines with the Jack Montgomerys. They were en route to Detroit and other points on a vacation.

The deaf population of Des Moines continues to grow. Newcomers are Marvin Massey, Sioux Falls, S.D., and a Miss Thomas of Chicago. Both have been fortunate in obtaining employment, Marvin in a packing plant and Miss Thomas in a photographic studio.

Honoree at a Stork Shower on October 1 was Mrs. Monnie Rose. Mrs. Albert Buettner played hostess.

New care continue to appear. It is a 1950 Nash for the Eugene McConnells of Council Bluffs; '49 Plymouth for Ralph Clayton and a '49 Chevrolet for Charles Herbold.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Sawhill spent a recent week end with the Herbert Deurmyers in Lincoln, Neb. Mrs. Deurmyer and son, Stevie, came back home with them for a week's visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Monnie Rose have moved into their recently purchased home on the south side and enjoy it so much after all the years spent in cramped apartments.

#### NEW YORK . . .

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Trinks of Hackensack, N.J., were guests of honor at a surprise party celebrating their 35th wedding anniversary on Saturday evening, October 15. Party was given by Jean M. Morrison, George Bedford and Bess Trinks in the cellar of the Trinks home. Among those present to congratulate Mr. and Mrs. Trinks were the Robert Trinks and their daughter, Linda

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#### THE SILENT WORKER

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Homecoming dance in gym at Alabama School honoring Tennessee football team October 14.

Sue, the Charles Morrisons, John Leson, Mary Kelly, Blanche Nimmo, the William Luxes, the Wrens, the Larry Alens, Joe Golonski, the Marshalls, the Avallones and Phillip Leeds.

The Laro Club held its election last month with the following results: Pres., Jerome Schapira; vice-pres., Louis Blanchard Jr.; sec'y., F. H. Hoffman; treas., Joseph Heinrich; and social director, Robert Swain Jr. The out-going Prexy is Doris Wilson Blanchard, wife of the in-coming "Veep."

For probably the last time, Rev. J. Stanley Light of Boston preached his monthly sermon on November 6 to members of St. Ann's Protestant Episcopal Church for the Deaf. Dr. Edwin W. Nies, deacon of St. Ann's, will take over when he becomes Vicar in December.

Robert A. Halligan, Jr., Marcus L. Kenner, Eleanor Sherman Font, Barney Kindel and Connie and Emerson Romero highlighted a Variety Show on November 5 by the Walther League of the Deaf, which was well attended. John Brakke, Jr., who was to have been one of the speakers, could not make it as he was busily savoring the novelty of proud fatherhood. Mrs. Brakke, the former Irene Lopachuk of Montreal, Quebec, had presented him with a son the day before. Berger Ericson backed out of the program at the last minute, being very busy with some mysterious plans concerning his future and Vincent Blend was half-dead for sleep so he too begged off so that he could get some shut-eye. However, the show was grand and afterward Rev. Kraus showed newcomers around the chapel upstairs.

Mr. and Mrs. Horace W. Perry of Beverly Hills, Calif., were honor guests of the Marcus L. Kenners at a social on Friday evening, November 4. They remained in town only a few days leaving

Sunday, November 6. They were on an extended auto trip cross-country.

Connecticut's Arlene Stecker spent six weeks visiting an aunt in Schenectady, N.Y., not long ago in company with her parents. They stopped over to visit Gallaudet College.

Emerson Romero's little boy, Roddy, 7, is glad to get over his "summer teeth." When asked what he meant by "summer teeth" he said, "Summer there and summer not."

#### MINNESOTA . . .

Mrs. Willis Sweezo was the honoree at a baby shower held October 1 at Thompson Hall. The gifts were numerous; in fact, they were enough to outfit a set of quadruplets.

A housewarming party was held at the home of the Mike Harrers October 9. About 70 persons enjoyed the entertainment. A cash gift of over \$82 was given to the Harrers.

Frank Thompson's son showed up October 1 at Thompson Hall after visiting his father, who had been operated on at the University hospital. It is presumed, at this writing, that he is recovering.

Mrs. Barney Block and daughter came back October 14 after a stay of three months with her folks. The same evening, a surprise welcome party in honor of her was arranged by a small group of friends. They couldn't blame Barney for wearing such a big grin.

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## Elect Four To Who's Who

Four seniors were elected to represent Gallaudet College, the world's only college for the deaf, in WHO'S WHO AMONG STUDENTS IN AMERICAN COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES, it was announced by Dr. Leonard M. Elstad, President of the College. WHO'S WHO is an annual publication, listing the outstanding graduating seniors of the colleges and universities of the United States.

The four, all deaf, were elected by the student body for general all-around excellence. They are Alberta DeLozier of Charlotte, North Carolina; Virginia Ward of Mountain View, Arkansas; Edward Holonya of Jersey City, New Jersey, and Taras Bruce Denis of New York City.

Miss DeLozier is currently president of the O.W.L.S., a sorority.

Miss Ward is Head Senior of the women of Gallaudet.

Mr. Holonya is president of the Gallaudet College Athletic Association.

Mr. Denis recently made news when his poem, "Of People and Places," was selected from thousands of entries by the National Poetry Association, for publication in its ANNUAL ANTHOLOGY OF COLLEGE POETRY.

## Three Gallaudet Students Honored by Poetry Ass'n

Three students of Gallaudet College, the world's only college for the deaf, received National Poetry Association recognition this year, it was announced by Dr. Leonard M. Elstad, president of the college. All three have been deaf since early age.

The National Poetry Association selects each year some poems from thousands of entries and publishes them in its Annual Anthology of College Poetry. The Anthology is a compilation of the finest poetry written by the college men and women of America.

The winners are Taras Bruce Denis, a senior, and Bernard N. Bragg, a sophomore, both of New York; and Roger M. Falberg, a junior, of Racine, Wisconsin.

Mr. Bragg's entry, "An Image of God," is his second poem recognized by this group.

Mr. Falberg, who has been writing poetry for four years, achieved recognition for his "Green Sentinels," which was originally published in Gallaudet College's literary quarterly, *The Cleric Issue*.

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# Meagher's Musings

By J. FREDERICK MEAGHER

*SatEvePost* once had a corking good "short" on old Luther "Dummy" Taylor—pitcher on Mugsy McGraw's N. Y. "Giants" from 1900 to 1909. In 1906 he won 30 and lost 12 games—salary only \$2700. What would that trite sum buy today? But \$1 then would buy \$10 to \$20 worth today!

"Taylor's oral talk—two-syllable words uttered like a talking doll got the goat of enemy pitchers. As baseline coach he was a card. His staccato baby-talk wowed 'em—'pa-pa, ma-ma, ba-ba.' Used to make the bleachers scream—telling umpires on his hands what low-down sons-of-guns they were. Until one day a historic umpire—Hank O'Day—surprised Taylor by spelling back: 'Y-o-u g-o t-o t-h-e c-l-u-b-h-o-u-s-e—p-a-y \$-2-5.' Hank had bribed a deaf relative to teach him our finger-code."

This Taylor short was by Clyde Johnson, a deafened teacher in our Illinois school where Taylor was ousted for old age last Nov. 1st. "Let the wild wolves howl!"

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NEVER can a REAL deaf man

be a great poet!

I ought to know! That's the truth.

In Youth, the literary and newspaper gents rated me a far better poet than humorist or straight writer. B-u-t—seems poetry and song have to follow various rising-falling flows—like waves of the sea. Now when us deaf read books, the words seem to stem as straight and true as the tracks of a Streamliner hitting on all four. So when we write poetry, we real deaf WILL put in a

word which does not rise and fall in uniform flow—with whatever sound track we pick.

Hence the record of Gallaudet College in the annual poetry contest is amazing. Eight colleges in the circle.

Gallaudet's poetry contest record: Koziar first and Golladay 2d in '33; Golladay won and Sollenberger 3d in '34; Kowalewski got honorable mention in '35; Lowman won in '39. Then the supply of crack deaf poets suddenly seemed to peter out.

Or am I wrong again—as usual? But give the kids credit, buddy.

They rated aces in the one game us common deafies just CAN'T beat!



J. F. MEAGHER

## Would Help Deaf Hear

A means of making the blind see, the deaf hear, and the paralyzed walk, by sending electrical impulses into the brain or muscles, is seen as a possibility by a scientist in brain research.

Dr. Wendell Krieg, professor of neurology at Northwestern University's medical school, told a university meeting he believes great advances will be made in the next decade in such research.

Dr. Krieg said scientists have already made these demonstrations: A person who has become blind may again obtain the sensation of light if a point at the back of the brain is stimulated electrically, and electrical stimulation of different areas of the cortex, also will cause persons to smell, hear sounds, move limbs, talk, and dream.

Experiments are being continued.

## Stump Speaks On Deaf

Dale Stump, general counsel for the Ohio Federation of Organizations of the Deaf, will speak at an open meeting of the Columbus Hearing Society in the Auditorium of the Columbus Gallery of Fine Arts on East Broad Street at 8:00 p.m. Thursday, January 19. The meeting will be open to the public.

His subject will be "Living in a Soundproof Room" and will be a discussion of problems of the deaf and education of the deaf.

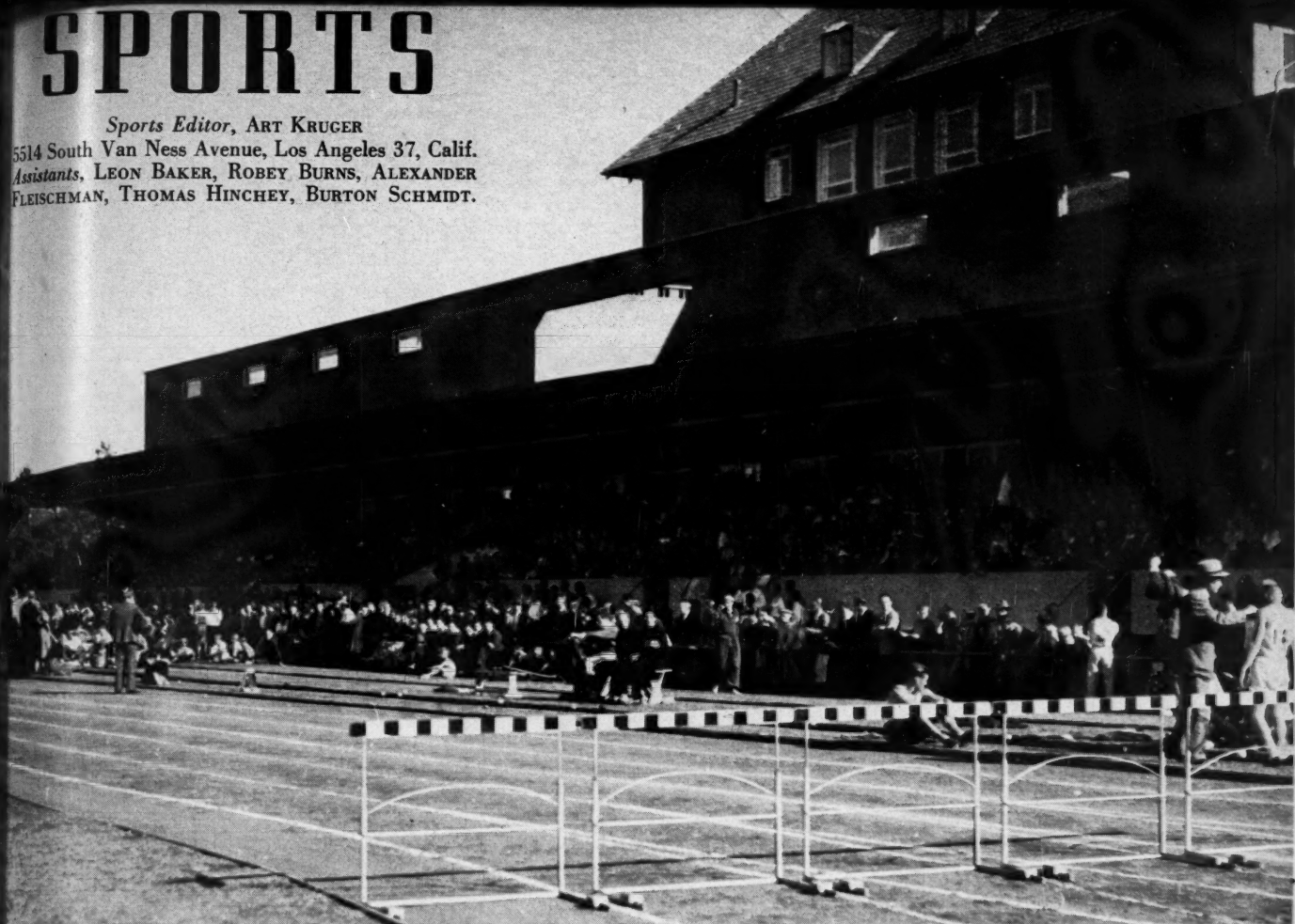
Mr. Stump believes that the greatest problem of the deaf in Ohio is the nearly eight million people in Ohio who do not understand them and he is continuing his efforts to get the facts about the deaf and education of the deaf to the people of Ohio.

His address will be interpreted in signs by David W. Wilson, Jr.

# SPORTS

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## DANES TAKE INTERNATIONAL GAMES

By S. ROBEY BURNS

ACCORDING TO COMMENTS among the pioneer officers of the CISS and visitors who never missed such World Sports gatherings for the deaf since the first one at Paris in 1924, the Sixth International Games for the Deaf at Copenhagen, Denmark, August 12-16, 1949, were the best of all!

To the delightful surprise of the sports-minded spectators, Denmark carried off the highest honors, becoming the new champion of the 6th International Games. Believe it or not, the Danish girl athletes did a great share in enabling Denmark to win the meeting, outpointing their male partners in some contests—especially swimming. These fine-poised ladies scored 122 points out of Denmark's total of 230 points, leaving 108 for the Danish men. It is the newest highlight in the history of the World Deaf Sports!

Fifteen nations sent athletes and representatives to compete for the highest sports honors for the deaf in the world. These nations were Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Czechoslovakia, Denmark, Fin-

land, France, Great Britain, Holland, Italy, Norway, Sweden, Switzerland, the United States of America and Yugoslavia. Between four and five hundred athletes vied with one another in the seven days of friendly international competition. Events included contests in track and field, soccer, tennis, marksmanship, swimming and cycling.

The Games are managed by the *Comite Internationale des Sports Silencieux* (International Committee of Silent Sports—or the CISS). Only national sports organizations which are members of the CISS can compete; there are 18 such member nations. Poland, Hungary and Rumania were unable to send delegations to this meeting due to lack of financial aid and travel restrictions. The memberships of Japan and Germany have been suspended indefinitely.

With ideal weather prevailing, 5,000 deaf and hearing spectators witnessed the Games. The deaf of Denmark, wonderfully backed by the Danish Ministry of Social Affairs, did a remarkable job

**Deaf Danes in role of hosts are 6th International Games champions, thanks to the achievements of their girl athletes. Nine Americans take in the festival at Copenhagen.**

of organizing the massive Games. Athletic circles experienced in the Olympic games lent their advice and aid; prominent sports experts handled the officiating, the Minister of Social Affairs tendered a reception to CISS officers and athletes; Prince Heritier Knud was honorary sponsor and with his wife reviewed the parade of nations. With this cooperation, the fine Danish deaf committee was able to present a most spectacular athletic festival.

Nine deaf Americans were present: two competitors, John Chudziewicz of Chicago and Robert Miller of Kansas; S. Robey Burns, AAAD official delegate; Jacques Amiel of Denver; Mrs. Lozell Bardfeld and Mr. and Mrs.

Charles Russell of Los Angeles; and Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Mendelssohn of New York City.

August 11 marked the arrival of delegations by rail, sea, and air. In the evening an informal reception was held in one of Copenhagen's leading halls. Three floors were available—an assembly seating 1,200 on the third floor and meeting and dining quarters on the others. The crowd was too great to accommodate in the assembly hall, so J. Neilsen, general chairman, arranged for the program—brief talks by delegates and two reels of movies about Denmark—to be repeated for those unable to enter. S. Robey Burns made his remarks in natural signs so all could understand. Though this event must have caused chairman Neilsen and his aides a headache, the visitors were most jovial—a glorious night for all.

On August 12, the official program of the Games was on—in Copenhagen's

best athletic plant, a stadium with running course, soccer field, grouped tennis courts and the finest facilities. The preliminaries in soccer, tennis and swimming opened the meet.

Hon. Johan Strom, Minister of Social Affairs for Denmark, and his aides accorded a most impressive reception to the officers of the CISS, chief representatives and athletes of participating nations, plus a number of high city officials. The reception was held in the Parliament Building, similar to the hall of the House of Representatives in Washington, D. C. Soccer preliminaries were resumed in the twilight and in the evening athletes and spectators were the guests of the Tivoli, mid-city amusement park.

Track and field events proceeded on August 13, and the shooting matches, at another location. John Chudziewicz, javelin record breaker (179 ft. 11 in.) in the 1935 Games, competed in the

shot put, discus, and javelin, but did not score due to an injured elbow and the toll of 14 years. Blond young Robert Miller, Kansas School for the Deaf star in 1948, had entered the 100-, 200-, 400-, 800-meter dashes and the broad jump. He won the preliminary and semi-final in the 100-meter dash and qualified in the 200-meter preliminary.

The winners of first, second, and third places in each event stood on the victory stands to receive victory medals. Presentation of medals was made by Viggo Chr. Hansen, visitor to the U.S. last year.

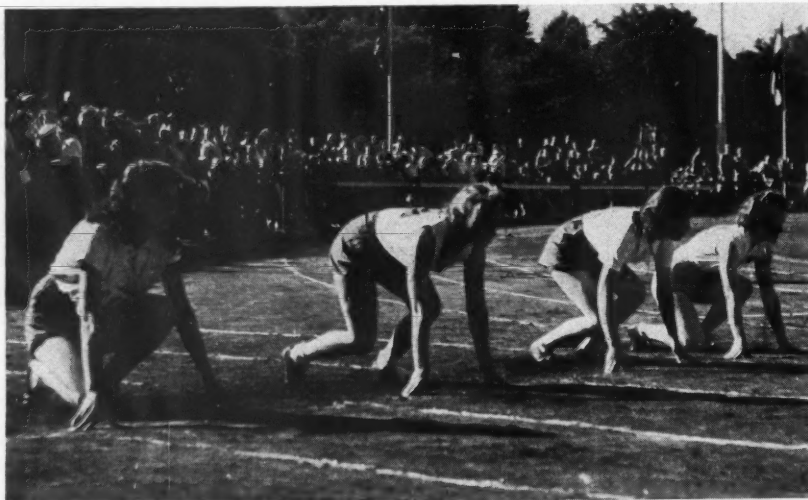
All competition came to a standstill at noon of this day so participants could prepare for the formal opening ceremonies to be held at 2:30 p.m. This was the most impressive occasion of the festival, being celebrated in a splendid setting, with 400-500 deaf athletes and officials from 15 nations, all in distinctive uniforms and some in native garb. The stadium was overflowing, a crowd estimated at from 3,500 to 5,000, the largest in CISS history. The athletes marched onto the field and circled the 400-meter track. Each group was preceded by a standard bearer, a young Dane carrying a banner denoting the nation. He was followed by a selected native bearing the national colors. To Robert Miller was given the honor of bearing the U.S. flag. Prince Heritier Knud and his charming princess were in the reviewing stand, as patrons of the Games. As the athletes of each nation passed this stand, the flag was dipped to honor the prince. An exception was the U.S. flag, which, by military custom, is dipped only to the President of the United States. Three thousand pigeons were released on their symbolic mission to tell the world that the Sixth International Games for the Deaf had swung open after 9 years.

When the competition was resumed, Bob Miller ran in the 100-meter dash, placing second. He was disqualified in the 200-meter semi-final heat for overstepping his lane. Due to his lack of condition, Miller had to cancel his entries in the other events.

In the evening the swimming events took place in a mammoth natatorium.

Church services were in order on Sunday, August 14. These were held in a spacious Lutheran church in the heart of Copenhagen. The prince and his wife were present. Sermons were delivered in signs and a choir of three men and

Bob Miller taking second place in the final of the 100-meter dash. His time was 11.3s, compared with 11.2s for R. Cantrelle of France. Other winners: Marcucci of Italy, 3rd; Engstrom of Sweden, 4th; Irvine of Great Britain, 5th.



The deaf girl athletes get ready for the 100-meter dash in one of the three heats. Miss E. Hornegold of Great Britain won this event at 13.5s for a new record.





R. Cantrelle of France, winner of 100-meter dash, on Victory Platform receiving congratulations from A. Marcucci of Italy. Our Bob Miller stands by smiling approval. Photos by Associated Press of Copenhagen.

three ladies in vestments signed hymns.

On August 15 the 70-mile cycling race and the final tennis matches got under way. An exhibition basketball game was played between Belgium and Switzerland, the first under CISS auspices. The Belgians won a rather listless game, 37-23. Basketball was voted by the CISS onto the roster of official contests for the next international games.

The representatives of the athletic associations were entertained with a fine Danish Smorgasbord luncheon at the clubhouse of the deaf. They voted Brussels, Belgium, as the site for the 1953 Games, reelected E. Rubens Alcais, the founder, as president and Antoine Dresse of Liege, Belgium, secretary.

Above 2,500 deaf reside in Denmark, one thousand of this number living in Copenhagen. Thirty-two clubs of the deaf thrive in this prosperous nation; the largest and nationally known society, which maintains control over the deaf's affairs—similar to our NAD—is called Dansk Dovstummeforbund (the Danish Society of Deaf-Mutes). This society has headquarters at the *Dovstumme foreningen of 1866* (so-called) building which contains club rooms, cafe, offices, auditorium, etc., for the deaf's use.

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## Summaries--International Games

Total scores made were: Denmark, 230; Sweden, 213; Finland, 200; France, 120; Holland, 111; Norway, 99; Great Britain, 64; Italy, 33; Belgium, 25; Switzerland, 14; Yugoslavia, 11; Czechoslovakia, 8; United States, 6; and Austria, 5.

The totals are compiled by allowing 10 points for a first place, 6 for a second, 4 for third, 3 for fourth, 2 for fifth and 1 for sixth.

### MEN'S TRACK AND FIELD

Nine International Games records were broken, with Finland accounting for six.

#### Champions in track and field:

100 meters—R. Cantrelle, France, 11.2s (New record).  
200 meters—R. Cantrelle, France, 23.6s.  
400 meters—K. Irri, Finland, 52.7s.  
800 meters—A. Nielsen, Denmark, 2m. 03.1s.  
1,500 meters—K. Gardell, Sweden, 4m. 17.8s.  
5,000 meters—O. Johansson, Sweden, 15m. 33.6s (New record).  
10,000 meters—J. David, France, 33m. 26.4s (New record).  
110-meter high hurdles—P. Galloy, France, 17.7s.  
400-meter hurdles—V. Koskinen, Finland, 58s (New record).  
400-meter relay—Sweden, 45.8s.  
1,600-meter relay—Finland, 3m. 30.4s (New record).  
1,500-meter relay (800x400x200x100)—Finland, 3m. 27.8s (New record).  
High jump—E. Sondergaard, Finland, 5 ft. 9¼ in. (New record).  
Broad jump—E. Sondergaard, Finland, 21 ft. 3 in.  
Hop, Skip and Jump—B. Soderstrom, Finland, 42 ft. 6½ in. (New record).  
Pole vault—T. Broman, Finland, 11 ft. ½ in. (New record).  
Shot put—V. Kaurela, Finland, 40 ft. 9½ in.  
Discus—K. Smedsgaard, Norway, 118 ft. 11 in.  
Javelin—R. Oman, Sweden, 176 ft. 11½ in.

### WOMEN'S TRACK AND FIELD

B. Rafoss of Norway dominated this side of the Games, winning two first places and setting an "Olympic" record in shot put and high jump.

100 meters—E. Hornegold, Great Britain, 13.5s. (New record).  
400-meter relay—Norway, 58.6s.  
High jump—B. Rafoss, Norway, 4 ft. 6 1/3 in. (New record).  
Broad jump—E. Moller, Denmark, 15 ft. 8 1/3 in.  
Shot put—B. Rafoss, Norway, 31 ft. 9½ in. (New record).

### MEN'S SWIMMING

Holland took four first places, with Denmark winning water polo. Individual winners were:

100-meter free style—S. Kamerling, Holland, 1m. 09s.  
400-meter free style—S. Kamerling, Holland, 5m. 42.9s. (New record).  
1,500-meter free style—D. Zacchai, Italy, 23m. 48.5s. (New record).  
200-meter breaststroke—S. Kamerling, Holland, 2m. 58.9s. (New record).  
100-meter backstroke—S. Carlsson, Sweden, 1m. 31.7s.  
400-meter relay—Sweden, 5m. 00.2s. (New record).  
300-meter relay—Holland, 4m. 14.6s.  
Diving—H. Christensen, Denmark.

### WOMEN'S SWIMMING

Despite stern Dutch competition, the Danish girls came out victorious. J. Kamerling, sister or wife of the Dutch swimming star, was the individual star by virtue of three victories.

100-meter free style—J. Kamerling, Holland, 1m. 27.1s.  
200-meter free style—J. Kamerling, Holland, 3m. 12s. (New record).  
400-meter free style—E. Krogsbjerg, Denmark, 7m. 18.7s. (New record).  
200-meter breaststroke—B. Jensen, Denmark, 3m. 29.7s. (New record).  
100-meter backstroke—J. Kamerling, Holland, 1m. 31.1s. (New record).  
150-meter relay—Denmark, 2m. 11s. (New record).  
200-meter relay—Denmark, 2m. 42.4s. (New record).

### SOCCER

Great Britain stormed through the Belgium team, 6 to 4, in an overtime tussle, to win the soccer championships of the 1949 Games.

Although the score was close, there never was much doubt among the spectators as to the outcome.

Italy defeated Yugoslavia, 1 to 0, for third place.

Results of preliminary games were as follows: Great Britain 5, Holland 1; Italy 4, Norway 1; Belgium 3, Czechoslovakia 0; Yugoslavia 4, Sweden 2 (overtime); Great Britain 8, Denmark 0; Italy 5, Finland 0; Belgium 1, Yugoslavia 0; Great Britain 2, Italy 1 (overtime).

### TENNIS

Although France won the tennis team championships, it failed to take any of the five events.

Men's singles—W. Smith, Great Britain.  
Men's doubles—W. Smith—B. Moulsker, Great Britain.  
Women's singles—E. Frederiksen, Denmark.  
Women's doubles—E. Frederiksen—E. Boesen, Denmark.  
Mixed doubles—E. and T. Frederiksen, Denmark.

### SHOOTING

The Finnish team won the team championship with 518 points, and B. Mouton of Finland took the 200-meter rifle crown with 124 points.

### CYCLING

T. Clarke of Great Britain won the most coveted prize, the 96.8 km cycling race in 2h. 37m. 40s. P. Keller of France was second in 2h. 38m. 30s. and L. Bergenzi of Italy third in 2h. 48m. 25s.

# Inter-Scholastic Football

By ART KRUGER

KNOXVILLE, Tenn., Nov. 12—Coach Conley Akin's Tennessee School for the Deaf Vikings rolled to a 20 to 6 victory over the Illinois School for the Deaf Tigers this afternoon much to the pleasure of some 2,000 homecoming fans. The two schools never had met before.

The Vikings overcame a jittery first quarter and pushed across for touchdowns in the second, third, and fourth quarters while the visitors' only score came in the last minute of play after a pass interception.

Franklin Willis was the fair-haired boy who led the Viking offensive attack, but he received plenty of assistance from halfbacks Neil Battle and Don Reaves and fullback James Beeler, as well as a fighting line.

Willis scored a pair of touchdowns, passed for an extra point, and set up the third touchdown with a lengthy reverse run.

Coach Art Yates' Tigers put up a game battle in losing to a superior Viking eleven. Captain Irvin Carlstedt, a combination tackle and halfback, was one of the most outstanding players on the field. He broke through the Tennessee line several times to nail Viking backs for losses and did an average job of kicking.

Paul Torbett and Henry Rosenmund were on the receiving end of Willis' passes as well as turning in a steller performance at end.

The Vikings made 14 first downs to seven for Illinois and were penalized twice for 20 yards while the Tigers drew no penalties. It was one of the cleanest played games ever contested on the Tennessee field.

The Vikings had three scoring opportunities in the first quarter but fumbles cut their drives short.

The first touchdown came early in the second quarter after Carlstedt's short punt was downed by Henry Rosenmund on the Illinois 30 yard line.

Willis, who was slowed down considerably by a weak ankle, raced 17 yards for a first down on the enemy 13 on a reverse. After a pass over the goal fell incomplete, Battle faked a hand-off to Willis and raced around right end for a touchdown standing up. Battle added the extra point on a line plunge and that ended the scoring for the first half.

James Disnay, a tackle, blocked a Carlstedt punt on the Illinois 30 and Donald Plunk, a substitute lineman, recovered the ball on the Tiger 10. On the first play from scrimmage Willis went around right end for a touchdown. The extra point attempt was no good.

Both teams hit pay dirt in the final period.

Tennessee took over on their own 25 shortly after the period began and marched 75 yards in nine plays, rolling up three first downs. Willis started things rolling when he took a pass from Battle for 35 yards and followed with a 15-yard pass to Rosenmund. Willis sailed over a flock of enemy tackles for Tennessee's last six-pointer. Willis passed to Torbett for the extra point.

Harold Hensley, Illinois halfback, intercepted a Viking pass on the Tennessee 32 and raced down the sidelines to the one before he was knocked out of bounds. Carl Briggs, fullback, went over for the score in three running plays. The try for the extra point was wide.

Score by quarters:

Illinois	0	0	0	6-6
Tennessee	0	7	6	7-20

**School meets school in various sections all over the nation to provide deafdom with its great fall sports excitement. Only the Far West, where schools are far apart, fails to see inter-school rivalry.**

This is the story of the inter-sectional mixup which was one of the high spots of twenty-eight school for the deaf games played during the 1949 campaign.

Every one of the thirty schools except Washington, California, Colorado and Georgia participated in at least one such contest. New Jersey played six inter-sectional deaf games.

## The East

After fumbling away three touchdowns in the first half, the Golden Tornadoes of Fanwood hit their stride in the second half to turn back St. Joseph's, 20 to 0, on September 24 on the losers' field in New York City.

Ed Mathews twice was within a yard of pay-dirt in the first quarter, but the elusive pigskin refused to stay within his grasp. Ed made up for this in the third period when he romped over for two touchdowns.

Fanwood also has won all previous games with St. Joseph's since continuous series started in 1944. St. Joseph's, however, won the first game in 1935, 51 to 0, before the series was resumed.

FANWOOD	0	0	14	6-20
ST. JOSEPH'S	0	0	0	0-0

Running over the opposition for a total of 445 yards by rushing, Fanwood romped to an impressive 34 to 6 victory over a game but overpowered New Jersey eleven at White Plains, N.Y., on October 1. The visitors made the only points on a long pass.

The all-time series since 1936 stands all even, three wins each. The only statistical edge belongs to Fanwood in points, 59 to 56. Last year New Jersey upset Fanwood, 12 to 6.

NEW JERSEY	0	0	0	6-6
FANWOOD	14	13	0	7-34

New Jersey beat St. Joseph's, 12 to 7, on October 8 on the victor's greensward at West Trenton.

New Jersey is out in front of St. Joseph's in the continuous competition which began back in 1946, by a count of 3 to 1.

ST. JOSEPH'S	0	7	0	0-7
NEW JERSEY	6	6	0	0-12

West Virginia Lions upset the dope October 15 to knock off a favored Vir-



Coaches Conley Akin and Art Yates of Tennessee and Illinois, respectively, wish each other good luck prior to the big intersectional game. Tennessee won, 20-6.

ginia eleven, 13 to 7, at Romney, W. Va.

This fracas broke the knotted series in favor of West Virginia, 5 to 4. The Lions took first, 30 to 6, in 1937, but lost the 1948 brawl, 7 to 19.

VIRGINIA	0	0	7	0-7
WEST VIRGINIA	6	0	0	7-13

Journeying to West Trenton, American registered a surprise 13 to 7 win over the favored New Jersey team in a close battle on October 15.

Ronald Wages was the big offensive star for the winners, scoring two teedees. New Jersey scored its lone TD on a forward pass.

American is still ahead in the series since 1936, 4-2-1, including a 13 to 0 triumph last year.

AMERICAN	6	7	0	0-13
NEW JERSEY	0	0	7	0-7

Fanwood used its superior weight and experience October 22 to duplicate its last year's victory over American by the same score, 26 to 0, at West Hartford, Conn.

It was Fanwood's third victory over American since the series started in 1935. American, however, leads the series with six wins. The two schools went for no scores in the contest in 1940 in which Fanwood did everything but score.

FANWOOD	0	6	13	7-26
AMERICAN	0	0	0	0-0

Virginia Raiders won their homecoming battle on October 22 with New Jersey in a thriller-diller, 19 to 12.

Virginia's quarterback, Berle Wilson, who was very adept at bootlegging the ball, made the deciding touchdown on an 80-yard run.

This tussle gives Virginia an edge in the brief series, 2-1-1. The two schools met for the first time in 1946. Virginia smothered New Jersey last year, 33 to 0.

NEW JERSEY..... 6 6 0 0—12  
VIRGINIA .....13 6 0 0—19

An upset-minded New Jersey team had to go all-out to subdue previously untar-nished West Virginia, 13 to 6, at West Trenton, on October 29. Last year West Virginia swamped New Jersey, 32 to 7.  
WEST VIRGINIA.....6 0 0 0—6  
NEW JERSEY.....0 7 0 6—13

A New Jersey team that refused to be-lieve what the scouts said about it rose to heights November 5 to smack down Mt. Airy's heavily favored Panthers, 7 to 6, on the West Trenton turf.

Jim Dey's Jerseyites accomplished what the Panthers failed to do that day because they were in better condition and possessed a greater desire to win.

Joe Anastafia passed 20 yards to Joe Hutton for the New Jersey score. Then Anastafia added the all-important point. In the fourth quarter, Ed Slackway, Mt. Airy guard, recovered a fumble on the Jersey 10 and on the next play Quarter-back John Bingham hit End Gil Brown for the six-pointer. Bingham's attempt to add the tying point was wide.

The rivalry between the two schools dates almost continuously back to 1925 and since then Mt. Airy has amassed 12 victories. New Jersey has only been able to win 5 times and two of the games have been scoreless deadlocks. Mt. Airy triumphed last year by a top-heavy 33 to 0 count.

MT. AIRY.....0 0 0 6—6  
NEW JERSEY.....0 0 7 0—7

Mt. Airy snared a hard-fought 20-19 victory from hustling West Virginia on November 19 at Romney, W. Va.

The two schools played a four-game series beginning in 1939, with Mt. Airy making a clean sweep, scoring 72 points to 25 for West Virginia.

MT. AIRY.....13 0 7 0—20  
WEST VIRGINIA..... 0 13 0 6—19

Michigan Tarters tallied two touch-downs on a line plunge and an end run to defeat Wisconsin in a hard fought game at Flint, Mich., on October 22.

In seven meetings since 1932 Michigan has triumphed three times, Wisconsin once, and three of the contests have ended in ties. Last year the two schools were deadlocked at 12-all.

WISCONSIN.....0 0 0 0—0  
MICHIGAN .....6 0 7 0—13

Indiana's fullback Jerome Moers ripped Illinois' line apart October 29 when he scored three times to pace his team to an 18 to 6 victory at Jacksonville, Ill.

The victors rolled up 10 first downs to 7 for Illinois. Penalties hurt the Hoosiers, costing the winners at least two scoring chances.

This tussle broke Illinois' unbeaten string of 17 straight homecoming games. Illinois football teams started compiling their homecoming record in 1922 when they dumped Missouri 66 to 6 before cheering Alumni. Since then, except for 1942 when homecoming was suspended because of wartime restrictions, the Tiger eleven has romped to 22 victories, tied two and lost only two games. The two defeats were hung on the Tigers by Kansas, the first time in 1923 and the second in 1930. Illinois tied Missouri in 1938 and Arkansas in 1946.

And, what is more, it was Indiana's first victory over Illinois in five tilts. Last year Illinois beat Indiana, 13 to 7.  
INDIANA .....12 0 0 6—18  
ILLINOIS ..... 0 0 6 0—6

Ohio Spartans sparked by Quarter-back Golden LeMaster, a former Ken-tucky boy, rolled along to score six touchdowns and ruin Kentucky's home-

coming on October 29, at Danville. The score was 38 to 0.

This is believed to be the biggest margin of victory ever made by an Ohio team since the two schools began play-ing each other in 1928. In six meetings, the Kentucky Colonials have yet to beat Ohio.

OHIO .....14 12 0 12—38  
KENTUCKY ..... 0 0 0 0—0

Michigan and Ohio battled to a 12 to 12 deadlock November 12 at Columbus, Ohio. Michigan, however, has tradition on its side, as a series count of 6 to 2 and one tie indicate. They met for the first time in 1927. Last year Michigan defeated Ohio, 13 to 6.

MICHIGAN .....0 6 0 6—12  
OHIO .....0 6 0 6—12

#### The Midwest

Iowa's Bobcats trimmed Kansas Jack-rabbits handily by a 21 to 6 count in a homecoming tussle on October 1 at Council Bluffs, Iowa.

Leo Sullivan guided the Bobcats to the triumph by figuring in two of the touchdowns. He aeriaded a 14-yard pay-off pass to Charles Carlson to give the Bobcats their first counter and then scored the Bobcats' third and final touch-down midway in the fourth frame on a 7-yard line drive.

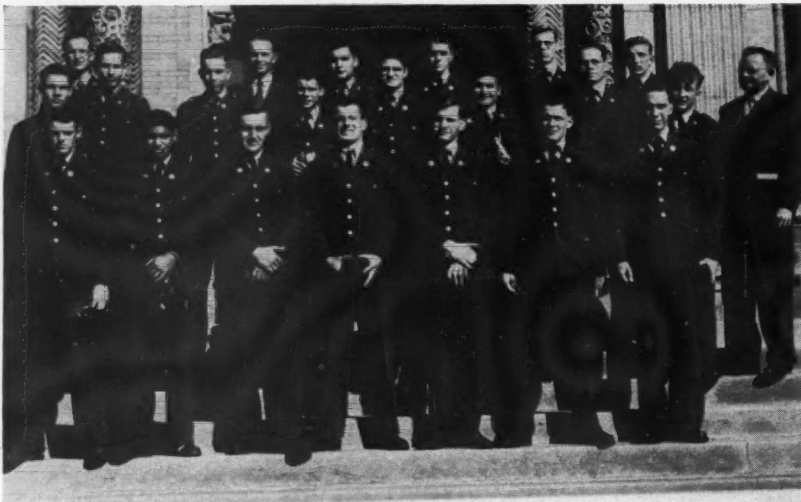
Kansas, however, still leads the series, 6-3-1, since 1922. Iowa upset Kansas last year by battling it to a scoreless tie.  
KANSAS .....0 0 0 6—6  
IOWA ..... 0 7 7 7—21

Faced by Fullback Don Burke and Quarterback Dick Caswell, the Minne-sota Hilltoppers celebrated their home-coming on October 8 by whitewashing Iowa, 13 to 0.

IOWA .....0 0 0 0—0  
MINNESOTA .....0 0 6 7—13

Neil Battle (36), Tennessee halfback, picks up 11 yd. and first down after taking lateral from F. Willis in Illinois-Tennessee game.  
Carl Briggs, Illinois fullback, comes in for tackle.





Here are the members of the Minnesota School for the Deaf football squad visiting Yerkes Observatory of the University of Chicago at Williams Bay, Wisconsin, prior to the big game with the Wisconsin School on October 15. Minnesota won, 33 to 6. They make a neat appearance in uniforms made by the boys themselves at the school tailor shop. Minnesota also downed the Iowa School in another inter-school contest.

On October 22 at Olathe, Kan., 15-year-old Fullback Raymond Hampton scored two touchdowns to pace the Missouri Eagles to a 13 to 0 victory over Kansas in the 17th game of the oldest school for the deaf gridiron rivalry, that dates back to 1920.

The win gave Missouri its third triumph of the series. Kansas has won 12 times and there have been two ties.

Hampton scored on a 30-yard jaunt over right tackle in the first quarter. At the beginning of the second half he ran the kickoff back some 80 yards but clipping was called. On the very next play he raced 60 yards also over light tackle for second Missouri tally.

Last year Kansas laced Missouri, 26 to 0.

MISSOURI	.....6	0	6	0—12
KANSAS	.....0	0	0	0—0

#### The Southeast

Behind the running and sterling passing of ace Quarterback Franklin Willis, the Tennessee Vikings rode to a 39 to 0 victory over Alabama's improved eleven before a good-sized homecoming crowd at Talladega High School's Dumas Stadium on Saturday, October 15.

In the final canto Willis made a spectacular play when he zigzagged 55 yards for a touchdown. His passing accounted for three six-pointers.

It was the first tangle between the two schools.

TENNESSEE	.....6	14	13	6—39
ALABAMA	.....0	0	0	0—0

North Carolina's undefeated Bears kept in the undefeated ranks by swamping South Carolina, 52 to 13, at Morganton (N.C.) High School stadium on October 15.

North Carolina now leads, 3 to 1, since the series started in 1927. Last

year South Carolina chalked up its first victory over North Carolina, 14 to 6.

SO. CAROLINA	.....0	0	7	6—13
N. CAROLINA	.....6	19	14	13—52

The Southwest—10 Mem bld c and lc

#### The Southwest

Oklahoma ran into stiff first quarter opposition on Thanksgiving Day at Sulphur, Okla., but finally managed to upset Texas, 19 to 6. The victors made several gains on short passes but refrained from use of long passes.

Twenty-one years ago, in 1928, Texas rang up a 13-0 victory over Oklahoma, so the series is now knotted.

TEXAS	.....6	0	0	0—6
OKLAHOMA	.....7	6	0	6—19

#### Intersectional

The West Virginia Lions gave Ohio a 35 to 0 wupping in an intersectional tussle at Romney, W. Va., on October 1.

Quarterback Harold Boyd sparked the Lion offense, tossing three touchdown aeriels.

The two schools met for the first time last year at Columbus, Ohio, where West Virginia also won, 32 to 13.

OHIO	.....0	0	0	0—0
W. VIRGINIA	.....0	21	7	7—35

#### Central

Minnesota squared its 14th game in a series by coasting to a nice 33 to 6 victory over Wisconsin at Delavan, Wis., on October 15.

Both schools have now won 7 contests in the 14 meetings. Wisconsin won the first tussle 38 to 7 in 1928.

MINNESOTA	.....0	13	7	13—33
WISCONSIN	.....0	6	0	0—6

North Carolina proved it had a great team by whipping Virginia, 27 to 0, at Staunton, Va., on October 29. This was North Carolina's seventh straight win

of the current campaign.

It was the sixth meeting between the two schools in a series that began back in 1927. Virginia leads with 3 victories against 2 defeats and 1 tie. Last year Virginia pulverized battered North Carolina 33 to 0.

N. CAROLINA	.....6	7	0	14—27
VIRGINIA	.....0	0	0	0—0

South Carolina's Hornets dropped a 35 to 13 decision to Virginia Raiders on November 5 at Camp Croft field, Spartanburg, S. C., in a homecoming game.

It was the first meeting between the two schools.

Left end Tupper Inabinett caught two TD passes to spark the losers.

VIRGINIA	.....14	14	7	0—35
SO. CAROLINA	.....0	0	7	6—13

Tennessee ran up the biggest total of the inter-school for the deaf campaign, 60, in slaughtering Kentucky 60 to 0 at Knoxville, Tenn., on November 19.

Quarterback Franklin Willis capped a long and lustrous career at the Tennessee school as he led the Vikings to this overwhelming victory. Playing his final game for the Vikings he scored four touchdowns on runs of 52 yards, 20 yards, 32 yards and 80 yards.

Halfback Neil Battle, also ending his Tennessee career, scored three touchdowns and passed for another.

Tennessee now has the edge in the series since 1928 with 4 victories. Kentucky has won 3 and one game has ended in a scoreless tie.

KENTUCKY	.....0	0	0	0—0
TENNESSEE	.....21	7	19	13—60

This ends the summary of the twenty-six inter-school for the deaf football games during the 1949 season.

Thanks are due the Kansas school, that pioneered in playing inter-school for the deaf football games, for such contests have something to do in boosting football's popularity among the schools for the deaf.

Statistically speaking, the Illinois school has played more inter-school deaf games than any other school. Over the 29-year stretch Illinois has won 27 games, lost 12, and played 6 tie battles. Illinois grid teams have played against Missouri, Wisconsin, Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Indiana, Arkansas, Texas, and Tennessee.

Below is the all-time resume of the inter-school for the deaf football records of each school:

	EAST			
	G	W	L	T
Mt. Airy	.....40	25	11	4
American	.....22	13	6	3
Fanwood	.....30	15	13	2
Virginia	.....27	13	11	3
West Virginia	.....18	9	9	0
New Jersey	.....42	15	23	4
St. Joseph's	.....14	2	12	0
Rhode Island	.....3	0	2	1

## CENTRAL

	G	W	L	T
Illinois .....	45	27	12	6
Michigan .....	16	9	3	4
Ohio .....	22	12	9	1
Wisconsin .....	39	13	21	6
Kentucky .....	16	4	11	1
Indiana .....	17	3	14	0

## MIDWEST

	G	W	L	T
Kansas .....	43	30	8	5
Iowa .....	43	24	12	7
Minnesota .....	28	8	19	1
Missouri .....	26	5	18	3
Nebraska .....	20	3	14	3

## SOUTHEAST

	G	W	L	T
Tennessee .....	21	15	5	1
Alabama .....	14	9	4	1
Florida .....	9	5	4	0
North Carolina .....	14	6	7	1
South Carolina .....	5	1	4	0
Georgia .....	15	3	11	1

## SOUTHWEST

	G	W	L	T
Texas .....	10	7	2	1
Arkansas .....	21	10	9	2
Louisiana .....	15	6	8	1
Mississippi .....	12	3	9	0
Oklahoma .....	8	2	6	0

(G—Games, W—Won, L—Lost, T—Tied)

These games, as one puts it, are splendid things to have, and they should be encouraged by all. They afford much pleasure to those who take part in them, and then there is an educational value to them. Travel and inter-school visits are always educational and worth as much as sessions in the classrooms. The players, in many instances, are taken to the scene of the battle in cars belonging to the teachers.

We are in receipt of a copy of a mimeographed booklet from the Minnesota school, through Wesley Lauritsen, Faculty Manager of Athletics at this school. It was distributed to twenty-one members of the school football squad, who enjoyed a combined five-day football and educational trip to Delavan, Wisconsin, and Chicago, Illinois, October 14 to 18. The 1,000 mile trip took the boys through five states. The booklet was prepared to help the boys understand and remember what they saw and did during the trip, which was highly successful. The school Athletic Association took care of all expenses to and from Chicago, but each boy paid his own hotel bill and meals while in Chicago. The booklet, by the way, is neatly prepared and interesting. Any school desiring a copy for its perusal should write to the Minnesota school.

P.S.: Mississippi beat Louisiana, 19 to 0, at Jackson, Miss. It was Mississippi's first school for the deaf victory since it resumed football in 1945.

Florida and Alabama fought it out on November 5 at St. Augustine with Florida coming out ahead 6 to 0. The series is now tied at 2-all.

North Carolina is undefeated in ten games, so watch for our 14th annual football story and all-American selections in the next issue.

## Mangrum Takes Penn-Jersey Golf Title

By ALBERT LISNAY

The beautiful and tough Yardley Country Club on the Pennsylvania side of the historic Delaware river across from Trenton, N. J., was the site of the first annual Penn-Jersey Deaf Golf Association tournament.

Under the able chairmanship of Otto Mangrum (distant cousin, of course, to the pro of national renown, Lloyd Mangrum) the competing threesomes of three flights teed off with a smooth start under the blazing August sun.

The flight breakdown of golfers was as follows:

Championship flight: Otto Mangrum, Philadelphia; Charles Dobbins, Trenton, N. J.; Mario Genovese, Scranton, Pa.

First flight: Parker Jerrell, Upper Darby, Pa.; Robert Mahon, Philadelphia; Del Willis, New Brunswick, N. J.

Second flight: John Schmitt, Trenton; Calvin Green, New Brunswick; Edward Tellem, Philadelphia.

Third flight: Meyer Gurman, Philadelphia; Arthur Seward, Ridley Park, Pa.; Albert Lisnay, Trenton.

On the par 36 "out" course, the championship flight threesome battled evenly and stroked well on the treacherous "out-of-bounds" holes. Slammin' Otto blew up on the 7th hole for a 7, but he held ground on the remaining "out" greens and carded a 47. Clubbin' Charlie, after a shaky start on the first few holes, managed to close in and turned in a card of 49. M. Genovese had his bad moments on the 8th green, where he pushed the ball in with an 8. He had 3 over Otto's 47. Slammin' Otto showed his mastery over his erratic opponents by carding a nice 45 on the par 36 "in" course. Not so consistent as Otto, Clubbin' Charlie did not like the set-up on the 11th and 12th holes, where he had 7's, and wound up with a card of 49. M. Genovese lacked proper control of the ball on the first five holes, but recovered on the remaining holes and compiled a card of 54.

In a scramble for the first flight, C. Parker Jerrell emerged as winner with 101. In the standings, he displaced M. Genovese of the championship flight in third place. Jovial Jerry was in rare form at that time. Trailing him with a 106 was R. Mahon, a wood specialist. Drivin' Del Willis, who knows the Yardley lay-out like a book, was a little off his usual form, and sulked away with a card of 109.

J. Schmitt, who resides in Trenton and commutes to Philadelphia, asserted that he had not played golf for the past few years. With callouses on his hands from building his new house, he displayed a card of 108. Behind him A. Calvin Green, who knows every trap and green on the course, and possesses an average of 115, finished right on his average figure. Sleepless Edward Tellem, with a few hours' sleep, must have slept somewhere on the course, for he woke up with a score of 121.

M. Gurman was the undisputed champ of the third flight division with a whopping card of 133. A. Seward was a wonder with woods and a miserable flop with irons. He came up at the end with 138. A. Lisnay could not bang the ball from the traps and roughs, and frequently overshot the greens. His card of 145 would have been even higher had it not been for the fact that on two occasions his ball hit a flagpole and dropped a few inches from the cup.

At the conclusion of the tourney, a short and informal meeting was held, with Otto Mangrum presiding. Prizes were distributed as follows:

Championship flight—Otto Mangrum.

First flight—Charles Dobbins.

Second flight—John Schmitt.

Third flight—Meyer Gurman.

Long drive—Otto Mangrum.

One-putt green—Charles Dobbins.

Booby prize—Al Lisnay.

By popular acclaim, Otto Mangrum was elected president and Ed. Tellem was named secretary-treasurer.



Penn-Jersey Golf Assn. players. Kneeling, l. to r.: C. Green, J. Schmitt, D. Willis, M. Gurman, A. Seward. Standing, l. to r.: A. Lisnay, M. Genovese, O. Mangrum, E. Tellem, E. Wadleigh, C. Dobbins, R. Mahon, P. Jerrell.

# The OPEN FORUM

By EMERSON ROMERO

## Introduction

Several months ago I sent the editor of THE SILENT WORKER a letter suggesting a department to be devoted to discussions among our readers of matters pertinent to the deaf. I offered to contribute the first article to get the ball rolling. There are many matters concerning the deaf of a controversial nature that can and should be openly discussed in a dignified manner.

The idea is to have a place for the exchange of thoughts, ideas and suggestions that will benefit the deaf. With this in mind we bring up a few controversial subjects and invite readers to send in their opinions and/or suggestions.

We are all entitled to our opinions and I think it might be interesting to see how others think about various matters. Was it Voltaire who said, "I may not agree with what you say but I will defend to the death your right to say it."?

## Peddlers

Many attempts have been made to stamp out peddling but it seems to me that the more we try to stamp out peddling the bigger the racket gets. It also seems to me, if I am to judge by what I read in the papers, that more and more deaf are going into the peddling racket, and I have every reason to believe that our periodicals are to blame in a large part. That is because when they are denouncing the racket they almost always mention the lucrative daily or weekly intake of these peddlers. Doesn't this make many of the less scrupulous among us believe they are fools to be working for a small weekly salary when they can make as much, or more, in a short day of peddling as they can in a week at a job? (Note: At this writing—November 19th—I have before me a copy of the November issue of one of our periodicals with a very large circulation which reprinted an item from another paper which stated a certain peddler "took in \$150 to \$200 a week.") This mention of the large sums of money which peddlers take in may be one of the reasons so many go in the racket. Only recently I was informed by a reliable person that some deaf in Los Angeles have given up well-paid jobs to go peddling on the streets while still others have jobs in the daytime and do their peddling at night. Doesn't it seem silly for our periodicals to denounce peddling and in the same

breath mention the large amounts of money to be obtained?

Personally, I have nothing against peddlers. They never harmed me indirectly in my position as a wage earner and a family-supporting man. In fact, I believe if my employers are aware of the existence of deaf people who have to peddle they will probably look at me with more respect because of my ability to hold a job. That is in my favor. It enhances my position economically and otherwise without any effort on my part. But that is not the point. The point is our periodicals are trying so

*Readers are cordially invited to send in contributions to the Open Forum on any subject they consider pertinent to the deaf.*

*It is understood, of course, that letters on this page reflect the opinions of the writers. They are not necessarily the opinions of THE SILENT WORKER.*

*Mr. Romero has graciously consented to conduct this department. To expedite publication, material for this page should be addressed directly to him:*

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hard to stop peddling and I am of the opinion they are going about it the wrong way. What do you think?

## The \$600 Tax Exemption

I am not very well informed on this subject but I believe Senator Langer with good intentions tried to get up a bill to exempt the deaf \$600 from their federal income tax. Recently a periodical for the deaf took the liberty to speak for the deaf in the entire nation in an open letter to the senator asking him to drop the bill.

Now I am not questioning whether we should or should not have this \$600 exemption but I question the right of that periodical to speak for the entire deaf population without ascertaining how the majority of the deaf feel about this matter. How was the periodical to know whether the majority of the deaf wanted this bill to be dropped? The reason I emphasize majority is because we must remember, in this great democracy of ours, the will of the majority prevails.

I have spoken to several deaf who earn average incomes and they are in

favor of this \$600 exemption! They stated they do not earn much and this exemption would, in some cases, mean the difference between paying a tax or receiving a refund. As one fellow said, "I certainly would like to have this extra money in the bank." Those in favor of the exemption outnumbered those against it by 8 to 1. The one person who did not favor it is one whose earnings go above the average income bracket and it would probably make little difference to the amount of tax he surely pays.

It seems to me the periodical in question went "out on a limb" in speaking for the deaf without first making inquiries among its readers. What is your opinion?

## Visual Education

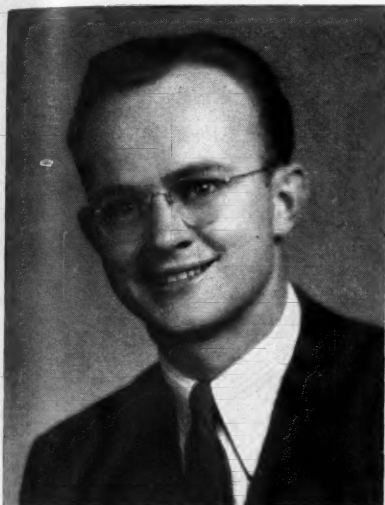
The field of visual education has progressed by leaps and bounds since the war. It was used extensively to prepare the men in the armed forces. The instructors discovered that untrained youths could learn faster by the use of motion pictures.

Today's visual education is done largely through the medium of the 16mm. sound films. The market is flooded with thousands of very fine educational films of every description, some which may be had gratis. Science, industry, social studies, geography, arithmetic, language, behavior, sports, physical education, hygienic and hundreds of other subjects are listed. But of what avail are these fine educational films to the deaf—and especially to the deaf children in our schools—if they cannot be understood?

These sound films can be prepared with explanatory subtitles but that would cost a goodly sum of money. Where should this money come from? From the schools? From the parents of the deaf? From our adult clubs? From the N.A.D.? From the philanthropic foundations interested in education? This presents a problem that is more acute than most of us realize. Our children's education should not be retarded while the hearing children are getting all the benefits. Drastic means could be undertaken by the leaders of the deaf to entice public-spirited citizens to help us in making these sound films understandable for the deaf.

Just what do you suggest? It would be interesting to learn of some source from which funds could be obtained to prepare these films with subtitles.

# The Editor's Page



B. R. WHITE

## Bill White Leaves

From time to time it has been necessary to announce changes in the editorial staff of *THE SILENT WORKER*, due mostly to resignations of members, all for good reasons. The staff now suffers its greatest loss, in the resignation of Bill White as editor. Due to unforeseen events in his employment and his personal affairs, Mr. White has found it impossible to continue to give of his time to the editorial duties. His resignation has been accepted with reluctance, but in deep appreciation of the great work he did as editor.

It was Mr. White, probably more than anyone else, who really revived *THE SILENT WORKER*. He still sends in suggestions and advice which we value highly. He promises such further help as he can see his way clear to give, and we hope the time will come when he can return to the staff in some active role. In the meantime, all good wishes to Bill White, and we hope we bespeak the feelings of our many readers in thanking him for his unselfish labors in making the magazine what it is.

The task of editing *THE SILENT WORKER* has been taken over by B. B. Burnes, president of the N.A.D. and *ex-officio* editorial executive of the publication. Mr. Burnes will carry on until a capable successor has been found to fill the editorial post.

It must be noted that Mrs. Mary Ladner also has resigned as cover editor, having found that her home duties require more of her time than she is able to give while searching for pictures and color schemes for the magazine. *THE SILENT WORKER* hereby ex-

presses its appreciation of Mrs. Ladner's work as a member of the staff. Selection of a good photograph for the cover and a suitable color scheme is a time consuming task. It involves study and even worry when the deadline approaches and there is no good photograph on hand. The editorial staff will take over the preparation of the covers at least for the time-being. Readers are asked to help by sending in good pictures of events among the deaf, accompanied by a "story" of what the picture represents.

With the removal of *THE SILENT WORKER* publication office to Los Angeles, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Schreiber were appointed members of the staff. Mr. Schreiber has been made assistant business manager, and as such he will assume some of the load previously carried by Business Manager Harry Jacobs. He will handle most of the details involved in printing and assist in other phases of the publication.

Mrs. Loel Schreiber is too well known to our readers to need an introduction here. As news editor, she was one of the members of our original staff, and with the passing of time her contributions in numerous ways have grown in importance. She has been appointed an associate editor, as was announced in the November number. She will assist the editor in the preparation of material. If there is anyone who is not yet aware of Mrs. Schreiber's vast talents, we need only refer him to the "picture stories" in the December number, and in this number, which she made up.

## No More Offset

Until the December number, *THE SILENT WORKER* had been published for a few months by the offset method of printing. We had changed to this method for the sake of economy, and in hopes that it would permit of wider use of photographs and more "art work" in the lay-out. The method proved unsatisfactory, however, as many readers have noted. Last month we returned to letter-press printing, which effected a great improvement in the appearance of the magazine, both in typography and in halftone cuts.

Due to the moving of the editor to the southern part of California, it was decided to move the office of publication to Los Angeles, so now the magazine is published there, by one of the best printing firms in the city, producers of a large number of magazines. It is mailed from Los Angeles.

In order to continue publication in

a high class printing shop, it will be necessary to maintain a large subscription list and a considerable amount of advertising. The deaf of the nation have shown their willingness to support the publication, and we believe the recent improvement in printing and make-up merits that support. Readers who are interested in the continued success of the magazine can be of great help by inducing others to subscribe.

## Movies Deleted

The "Movie Guide" is missing from this number of *THE SILENT WORKER* and will be dropped, unless we hear a loud clamoring for its return. When the magazine was started, we felt that it would be a service to the deaf to provide information on such motion picture films as seemed most suitable to the deaf. Miss Lillian Hahn and her assistants have provided that service in admirable style, and their good work is appreciated.

In these days there are so many magazines devoted to the movies, it seems unnecessary to review the films in this magazine. Readers usually can decide from a perusal of the other magazines which pictures they might enjoy, and it is felt that the pages of *THE SILENT WORKER* heretofore given to the Movie Guide can be better used recording affairs among the deaf.

So, good-bye to the movies, and many thanks to Miss Hahn and her staff, whose reviews were always well done and interesting.

## October Supply Exhausted

A number of subscribers whose subscriptions expired in September and October overlooked or forgot their expiration date and are still sending in renewals, many with requests for the back numbers they have missed.

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